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(By Captain E. & M. M. M. in the Daily Chronicle). Remarkable Value: On the Hudson River stand, which is just inside the Hudson River range of cars. Here, again, amongst people who really know comparative car performances, is a vehicle which also stands pre-eminent.

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CANTON SCHEME.

SUGGESTED INVASION OF HUNAN.

UNIFYING CHINA.

A report to hand from Shui-kwan states that the New Year was ushered in with peace in the region north of Yink Tak right up to the boundaries of Kiangsi and Hunan, and that banditry is at the minimum. The latter condition is due in a great measure to the active co-operation of various detachments of the Local Guards. How long this state of affairs will last is doubtful. A spell of quietness has also existed in the camps of the troops since the New Year, but activity by the 2nd Army Corps is now noticeable.

From information gathered from military circles it is stated that the 2nd Army Corps is preparing to advance into Hunan, as the first step is the endeavour to unify China, and that negotiations having been completed with Sun Hung-ling, his forces, about eight thousand strong, are mobilising on the Kwangsi-Hunan frontier.

These forces are said to be now in alliance with Tan Yen-kai, and will be employed in the expedition against Hunan as these troops are veterans in warfare, and have a thorough knowledge of the country since they have been carrying on guerrilla warfare for years in that part of the country. Apart from this, by reaching a common understanding with Sun Hung-ling, it is said that the political situation in Kwangsi, where he has been a menace for the last four years, will be solved.

Thus the field of operation is left clear for the Canton list Army to send four Army Corps to advance into Hunan and Kiangsi in four directions, while Kwangsi, being free from political embarrassment, will be able to give assistance to Pan Shek-sung to attack Tang Chi-yao.

STRIKE PICKETS.

HELPED BY TROOPS NEAR MACAO.

In connection with the report of the arrival of the newly-trained strike pickets at Chin Shan, near Macao, a further report states these new arrivals are all well armed and uniformed. Up to the present no complaint of any kind against their conduct has been heard. As Chin Shan is considered an important centre of communication with outside places, the small detachment of pickets is not sufficient to discharge the duties efficiently, and consequently a battalion of the 5th Army Corps has been sent by General Li Fook-lum to assist the pickets. When more of the pickets have completed their training, they will be sent to replace the troops.

PICKPOCKET JAILED.

STOLE WATCH AND PURSE.

The theft of a gold watch and purse from a man's pocket, in Stanley Street, was the charge preferred against a Chinese before Mr. R. E. Lindell, at the Central Magistracy this morning.

The owner of the articles, a Chinese, said he was walking along the street, with a gold watch and purse in his pocket, when suddenly a Chinese bumped into him, and extracted the watch and purse from his pocket, and attempted to escape with them. He succeeded in holding on to the defendant until he was arrested.

The defendant denied that he took the purse, and said he was only stooping down to pick it up. Accused was sent to prison for three months with hard labour.

TRAFFIC CASES.

LONG LIST BEFORE MAGISTRATE.

A long list of traffic cases was dealt with by the Second Magistrate (Major Willson) this morning. In the majority of the cases, the offences were the usual ones concerning various breaches of the traffic regulations.

JACK TARS ENDANGERED.

In the first case, it was stated by Chief Inspector Kent, who prosecuted, that a number of sailors on their way to Church on a Sunday morning were scattered in Garden Road when a motor car forged up the road. The driver, who was charged with disregarding the "stop" signal of the policeman, had a long list of previous offences against him, and was fined \$25, or one month's hard labour.

DEATH ENQUIRY ECHO.

A recent death enquiry was recalled by the charging of the driver of motor No. 169, with having a defective foot-brake. It was explained that this was a case in which there was an enquiry some time back into the circumstances of the death of a pedestrian who was killed outside the Government Civil Hospital by being knocked down by this lorry. The jury in that enquiry returned a verdict of "Death by misadventure" and although no blame was attached to the driver, it was discovered in investigations by the traffic office, that one of the foot-brakes of the lorry was defective. Sergeant Tucker, who appeared in the case, said that this had been seen, and the brake was now in working order. A nominal fine of \$5 was imposed.

ALLEGED RELIGIOUS FEUD.

The Indian driver of a lorry belonging to the Texas Oil Company, when charged with disobeying the order of the Sikh pointsman at the junction of Arsenal Street and Queen's Road East, alleged that the accusation was falsely brought, as the result of prejudice against his religion.

Evidence had been given that a signal was given him to stop at this point to enable a tramcar to negotiate the curve from Arsenal Street into Queen's Road East. Had not the tram been stopped by the pointsman, it would have been involved in a collision with the lorry which was then proceeding in an easterly direction into the continuation of Queen's Road at Wanchai.

A FINE OF \$10 WAS INFLICTED.

EUROPEAN'S COAT.

The driver of a car owned by a small Chinese syndicate which has a garage in Caine Road was charged with failing to return an overcoat left by a customer in the car.

The summons was taken out under an Ordinance which requires that when articles are left in motor-cars by customers they must be returned to the police at once, the maximum penalty for an offence being a fine of \$250 or six weeks imprisonment.

The defendant stated that the overcoat was left in the car by Mr. A. Ross, of Messrs. Lever Bros., but he was not aware of the fact at the time. He kept the overcoat for two days, thinking that the owner might return to claim it.

Chief Inspector Kent referred to the Ordinance and said it was only as a result of Mr. Ross reporting the loss to him and recollecting the number of the car that the overcoat was recovered. The overcoat was stated by Mr. Ross to be worth \$120.

Defendant, who had a good record, was fine \$100, or six weeks. (Continued on Page 6.)

TO-DAY.

Dollar on demand 2s.4d./16d.
Lighting out 6.03 p.m.
Temperature (2 p.m.) 69
Barometer ... (2 p.m.) 29.94
Humidity ... (2 p.m.) 70

"LITTLE HSU".

ASSASSINATION STORY UNTRUE.

"WAS EXECUTED."

According to a lengthy article in the N. C. D. News by Mr. Rodney Gilbert, "Little Hsu," whose tragic death was reported recently, was neither bombed nor shot at sight, but was executed at dawn, after he had been unceremoniously pulled from a train, by soldiers of the Kuominchun acting under long-standing orders from the Christian General Feng Yu-hsiang.

The story is told at great length by a member of General Hsu's entourage, who was at first imprisoned but was later released. From this account it appears that General Hsu and twelve others left Peking by rail on the afternoon of December 29th, and at about 11.30 p.m. the train steamed into Langfang station, where appeared that a military reception had been arranged in honour of General Hsu and party. On the left platform there were 80 dismounted cavalrymen and on the right the same number of Feng's "Big Sword Squad," with their headmen's swords and pistols. As soon as the train came to a standstill, two of the swordsmen were placed at every door of the train carriages, and no running to and fro was permitted to anyone.

Scarcely had the train stopped when the card of General Chang Chih-chiang, Tuchun of Chahar, was sent in with a verbal request that General Hsu should inspect the guard of honour and then have tea with General Chang in his quarters. In response to this request, General Hsu, who had long since turned in, replied in polite terms that he was extremely tired after his three days in Peking. He therefore sent a friend, a Brigadier General, to act for him and convey his apologies. Later, a noise was heard among the soldiery, one officer shouting out: "If he refuses to come out, drag him out." Detailing what then happened, the narrator of the story says:—"Meanwhile the train had been held during a period which it would be hard to determine accurately and both corridors leading into our parlor car had filled up with members of Feng's Big Sword Squad (Ta Tao Tui). We were suddenly seized most efficiently but unceremoniously. To every one of our party of 13 there were two soldiers, each of whom took one of our arms and twisted it behind our backs while we were hustled, not very gently, on to the station platform. Some of us were fully clad and some were not. General Hsu had no time to put on his underclothes and a wadded silk cloak that he threw over his shoulders. He was barefooted.

A great search was made for papers and documents, the idea being that we carried all sorts of damning messages from Marshal Tuan. The party in all had 36 pieces of baggage. These were taken off the train while we were held and were broken or slit open, no inquiry being made for keys. When the search for papers was exhausted the soldier made merry with our personal effects and were childishly delighted when they found a watch, or a pearl handled penknife.

"Having passed this season of exposure—I don't know the hour—we were taken some little distance from the station to what was once a school but what seemed to serve as military headquarters, where the barracks-like arrangement of the rooms enabled our captors to lodge each of their thirteen victims in a separate cell.

General Hsu was in the first room and next to him was Mr. Hsieh, the second son-in-law of Yuan Shih-kai and the grandson of a former

DOUBLE TRAGEDY.

TWO MEN KILLED DURING RAID.

Two men who were surprised in a public raid on No. 285, Queen's Road Central, in the small hours of this morning, met their death by jumping from the second floor verandah of the building.

Consequent on the receipt of information that the floor was being used for an undesirable purpose, a party of detectives, under the charge of a European Inspector, went up the staircase at about one o'clock this morning, and discovered as they had been led to expect—the presence of a number of women in the premises. They were too late to prevent the escape of two men, who, without thinking of what they were doing, jumped over the verandah of the floor into the street. The drop measured some thirty feet, and both men were killed almost instantaneously.

It is stated that the house was not one of what are termed *maisons tolerees* subjected to police supervision. It is alleged to be one of a large number of secret flats which are known to exist in different parts of the town. Where information is available, these raids are carried out, and the keepers arrested and fined. In any event, none of the other inmates or their visitors are held by the police, and the rash action of the two men is attributable to the fact that which is usually about the occasion of these raids.

The bodies of the men were taken to the Mortuary, where they were identified by relatives this morning.

INTERPORT TRIAL.

TEAMS FOR MATCH AT KOWLOON.

The Hongkong Football Association have decided to play an interport trial match at Kowloon on Saturday between Wynne's eleven and Stewart's eleven. Bob Wynne is the only player definitely picked for the match at Shanghai and he has been elected captain, with the training arrangements left in his hands. All possible interporters are expected to turn up for training at the Club ground on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The teams for Saturday are:

Wynne's XI. Stewart's XI.
Clark. Rodger.
Wynne. Wheeler.
Bishop. Xavier.
Mitchell. McGrawey.
Sims. Stewart.
Leung Yuk-tong. Bristow.
Taylor. Charlesworth.
Forsyth. Howard.
Humberstone. Gosano.
Super-Kam-shun. Butler.
Brown. Mackleworth.

Minister to Great Britain. Two sentries were posted at each door and they were changed every hour. At the first glimmer of dawn, thirty "Big Swords" under an officer, came into the compound and, without ceremony, proceeded to drag General Hsu and Mr. Hsieh out of their rooms. It might be stated at this point that we had meanwhile been offered nothing to eat or drink and that no suggestion of stoves, cigarettes or other luxuries had been made on either hand.

"After General Hsu had been dragged out, with his arms twisted behind him, by two soldiers as usual, Mr. Hsieh came into view, whereupon the officer in charge shouted: 'Put him back, we don't want him!'

"Through the windows and cracks most of us saw General Hsu led away in the dim light by the 30 guards and, perhaps a hundred yards from our quarters, saw him fall, after two shots had been fired which we all thought were revolver shots. The rest of the account deals with the treatment accorded to other members of the party.

LAWYER'S WILL.

OFFICIAL TRUSTEE AS EXECUTOR.

NO POWER TO ACT.

That the Official Trustee in Hongkong was incapable of taking the grant of administration, and that the powers conferred on him by the will were so limited that the grant could not stand, were reasons advanced by Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., when before Sir Henry Gollan, sitting in Probate Jurisdiction this morning, he asked that the probate of the will of the late Mr. Matthew John Denman Stephens granted on July 6th, 1925, be revoked and declared to be null and void to all intents and purposes whatsoever because the same was made *per incuriam*. He further asked that exemplification of the probate which was granted on September 24th, 1925, by the Principal Registrar of the Probate Division of His Majesty's High Court of Justice in England, be sealed by the Court in respect of the personal estate and effects of deceased gentleman within the Colony of Hongkong and that the costs be paid out of the estate.

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., with Mr. F. C. Jenkin, appeared in support of the motion, and the Hon. Attorney General, Mr. J. H. Kemp, K.C., represented the Official Trustee.

Addressing the Court, Mr. Eldon Potter said he would ask them to believe that the motion was being made without any captious or fault-finding spirit. It was being made because the more they went on with the administration of the estate of the late Mr. Stephens, the more it became apparent what really practical difficulties were created by the appointment in its present form.

Their submission, shortly, was that the creation of a corporation sole was clearly for the purposes of the Ordinance and for no other purpose, and their next step that, this being a corporation created under the statute, the only powers were the powers granted by the statute itself. The only reason for the constitution of the office corporation sole was for the purpose of the Ordinance.

Mr. Potter went on to explain that the Official Trustee had no capacity to take the grant, the only times when he could act as trustee being when a trustee handed over the trust to him. He had no power to act as executor, contrary to the law at Home, where the Public Trustee was specifically empowered to do so.

His Lordship:—There is no definition of trustee.

Mr. Potter:—What I mean to say is that there is no express provision that he can be appointed executor. The Public Trustee at Home is given express powers in that regard.

Proceeding on the second point, Mr. Potter said that the will made it clear that it was not intended by the testator that the Official Receiver should have the power which he had under the grant.

His Lordship:—Is this another case where a lawyer has made a will for himself?

Mr. Potter:—We are not sure; it was made in England in 1914. It might have been more clearly expressed.

His Lordship:—Apparently the Official Trustee is allowed to intermeddle without penalty.

Mr. Potter:—Perhaps so. He was intended to be solely in the position of a receiver. He was merely intended to be a custodian. It must have been in the testator's mind that he must have someone in Hongkong who would act pending instruction from the Public Trustee at Home.

He referred to the concluding paragraph of the will which empowered the Public Trustee to

ARCHITECT & POLICE INSPECTOR.

SEQUEL TO MOTOR COLLISION.

As a sequel to a recent collision between Mr. Colbourne, Little's car and Chief Inspector Kent's car outside the police quarters at Caine Road, Mr. Little's driver was charged, to-day, before Major C. Willson, with a number of offences which were all discovered after the accident.

It was stated by the Chief Inspector that on going down Seymour Road, the defendant's car collided against his own car which was left against the side-channel, in spite of the fact that the driver had a clear space and all the space that he could possibly require ahead of him. Damage was done to the running board of witness' car, compensation for which had been paid. The accident was attributed by the officer to careless driving. As a result of the accident, three charges were preferred against Mr. Colbourne Little's driver, these being (1) failing to report the accident, (2) failing to keep to his own side of the road, and (3) failing to notify a change of address. On all counts the driver was found guilty and fined \$25 by the Magistrate.

Arising from the same incident, it was also discovered that Mr. Little had failed to obtain a renewal of his car licence.

A representative sent up to the Court by Mr. Little conveyed the latter's regrets, explaining that the delay was due to a change of the staff. A clerk who had been instructed to obtain the new licence left the office without having discharged this duty, an omission of which Mr. Little was ignorant until he received a notice from the Traffic Department.

For thus failing to renew his licence, Mr. Little was fined \$10.

STILL AGROUND.

THE "FEICHING" SIGHTED

That the s.s. Feiching has not yet succeeded in getting off Thunder Head would appear from a report received at the Harbour Office this morning from the master of the s.s. Sunning.

He reports having passed the vessel about tiffin time on Sunday. She was then discharging cargo. The master states that the vessel is heavily stranded on the seaward side. There were two other vessels of the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company in the vicinity.

JAPANESE SHIPPING MERGER.

SUGGESTED BIG COMBINE.

Tokyo, Jan. 18. The Directors of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha and the Toyo Kisen Kaisha are separately discussing plans for a merger, and definite announcement is expected shortly. It is understood that the Nippon Yusen Kaisha will take over the Pacific regular services and facilities in exchange for one hundred thousand shares while the Toyo Kisen Kaisha will in future confine its activity to tramp steamers.—*Reuter*.

send an agent to Hongkong at the expense of the estate. As a matter of fact, added Mr. Potter, Mr. R. F. Mattingley here had been appointed agent.

The Hon. Attorney General said he had no objection to the motion.

He advised the "Official Trustee" some three years ago that he did not have the capacity to become an executor. He did not oppose the motion.

Sir Henry Gollan said he had no doubt that he should accede, but he thought he had better consider whether he should not deliver a formal judgment. The applicants could consider the order as being made.

TERRIFIC STORM.

HURRICANE SWEEPS THE CANARIES.

GREAT DAMAGE.

Madrid, Jan. 18. Several persons were seriously injured and a hundred rendered homeless as a result of a hurricane breaking on the Canary Islands, according to messages from Las Palmas.

A deluge of rain swelled the mountain torrents with the result that bridges, roads and tramways were swept away.

Several villages were destroyed and banana plantations devastated, including one which was lately sold for a million pesetas and which was obliterated by the in-running sea.

Las Palmas town is a desolate sight. A number of houses have collapsed and whole streets have fallen in. Even the cemeteries are wrecked and coffins torn out.—*Reuter*.

[The Canaries are a group of volcanic islands belonging to Spain, off the north-west coast of Africa. There are, in all, seven large islands—La Palma, Hierro, Gomera, Tenerife, Grand Canary, Fuerteventura and Lanzarote. The total area of the islands is 2,808 square miles, and the population is 420,000. The chief town is Las Palmas, situated on Grand Canary Island. The principal produce of the islands comprises bananas, onions, wine and tobacco.]

BANKNOTE SCANDAL.

QUESTION OF BISHOP'S ARREST.

Budapest, Jan. 18. The Public prosecutor has asked the examining magistrate to arrest Bishop Zadravecs, the Chaplain General of the Hungarian Army, in connection with the banknote scandal. The magistrate has refused and the Chamber of Indictments has also declined to prosecute the Bishop on the ground that he is not engaged in criminal transactions and not attempting to flee from justice.

Count Apponyi, in a speech at a social club, declared that the supporters of legitimism were organising not on political but social lines, and the next step would be the institution of an organisation of Hungarian women under the presidency of Countess Apponyi. He added that the wasp's nest of forgers must be smoked out.—*Reuter*.

TOY PISTOLS.

A LICENCE NECESSARY.

Holding that toy pistols came within the meaning of the Arms Ordinance, the Attorney General is responsible for an order being issued prohibiting the possession of such weapons and making offenders liable to punishment under the Arms Ordinance.

As a sequel to this order, and acting on the instructions of the Captain Superintendent of Police, Sergeant Kennedy charged two shopkeepers before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, with being in possession of a number of toy pistols without a licence and asked that the men be cautioned as a warning to others.

The defendants were accordingly cautioned.

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BURIED BY COLLAPSE OF EARTH.

INQUIRY INTO DEATH OF
FOUR COOLIES.

No Previous Sign of Danger.

The deaths of four coolies by a collapse of earth formed the subject of an inquiry conducted by Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

Mr. Lindsell, addressing the jury, said the coolies were overwhelmed by a collapse of earth from a slope cut behind a house in course of erection in Kennedy Road. The jury would have to decide whether the slope was cut at a reasonable angle, and also whether it gave any signs of collapsing, such as should have given warning to the persons in charge of the work.

Dr. E. P. Minnett, Government Bacteriologist and Medical Officer in charge of Mortuaries, said he conducted a post mortem on the four bodies on December 31. The injuries varied in each case, but the cause of death was identical, being multiple injuries and asphyxia. The condition of each body was compatible with it, having been buried in a collapse of earth and stones.

Question of Supervision.

An earth coolie who was partly buried by the collapse and then extricated, was called to give evidence. He said the work was being done on a slope, and during the month he was working there he saw no crack in the upper portion. The men had no reason to anticipate any danger. Witness said there was no foreman, and there was no one to supervise the coolies.

Mr. Lindsell: How did you know what to do?

Witness: I dug the earth from the top downwards.

Did you ever see a European there examining the cut?—No. The sub-contractor visited the spot at times.

Witness added that the collapse occurred shortly after the mid-day meal. There was no previous warning in the shape of falling stones. There were eight coolies, including himself, working at the time. When the fall took place he was buried by the earth, and had no time to try and escape. He lost consciousness, and knew nothing more until he found himself in hospital.

Contractors' Evidence.

The sub-contractor who carried out the work on the slope, said the cutting was started early in August last with eight coolies.

Mr. Lindsell: Have you yourself any experience of digging such cuts?

Witness: Yes, considerable experience.

Had you any plan to guide you at what angle to start to cut?—I carried out the instructions of another sub-contractor.

Were you told where to start the cut on the hillside?—Yes.

Witness added that the height of the cut was about 28 feet, and the slope was to be about six feet from the perpendicular at the highest point. He had made cuts previously at similar angles without collapse taking place. He was present, along with another supervisor, on December 30, and also on the afternoon of the day the accident occurred. Six men were buried, four being killed.

Frequent Examinations.

Mr. E. F. R. Sample, architect, said the work of building the new house in Kennedy Road neces-

YAUMATI ROBBERY.

IMPATIENT VISITORS
ATTEMPT TO RANSACK HOUSE.

Servant Girl's Pluck.

During the absence of the two male occupants of No. 14 Temple Street, Yaumati, an attempt to ransack the premises after blinding and gagging the maid servant, was made by two Chinese, who entered the floor under the pretext that they were friends of the inmates, on Wednesday last. The men appeared before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon to answer charges of attempted robbery.

The prosecution was conducted by Inspector Pincott, who said that the second floor was occupied by two men and a maid servant. One of the men was a pedler while the other was a tobacco carrier. At 8.30 on the morning of the 13th inst., after the two men had left the house, a knock was heard at the front door. Enquiring as to who was seeking admittance, the girl heard the name of her master mentioned. The intruders then claimed intimacy with one of the male occupants, and asked certain questions about her employer.

Satisfied that the caller was on a legitimate visit, the girl opened the door and two men entered. She herself went to the verandah while the men waited in the passage, presumably for the man's return. After the men had been on the floor for about an hour, the girl saw one of them enter a cubicle and followed him, remarking that he must not touch anything in the room. She was stopped by the first defendant who, said Inspector Pincott, was an ex-Water Police constable. The man produced a knife while the second defendant emerged from the cubicle and proceeded to blind and gag her. She was placed at the entrance of the kitchen, and was tied with her hands in front of her. She managed to free herself and went to the verandah for help. The men at once returned to the flat and on reaching the street were pursued by two constables. After being chased into Shanghai Street, the men ran into a shop, where they were arrested.

They were searched and a quantity of money was found on them. The two occupants of the flat would say that they lost some money, but were unable to give the exact amount. Other property which was recognised was also found on the two arrested men.

Defendants were committed for trial at the Criminal Sessions.

sitated a cut being made. The plan showed that when the cut was finished it should be at an angle of 45 degrees.

When examined at intervals the surface of the cut appeared to be fairly solid. The work was examined generally on December 26—a few days before the collapse. At that time there were no signs that anything was wrong. It was quite common to start cuts at such a steep angle.

Asked if he could give any reason for the collapse, Mr. Sample said he could only offer the theory that a stone had worked loose and had fallen, taking the earth with it.

The Coroner adjourned the inquiry after this evidence, and then accompanied the jury to the scene of the accident.

Further evidence will be taken on Wednesday afternoon.

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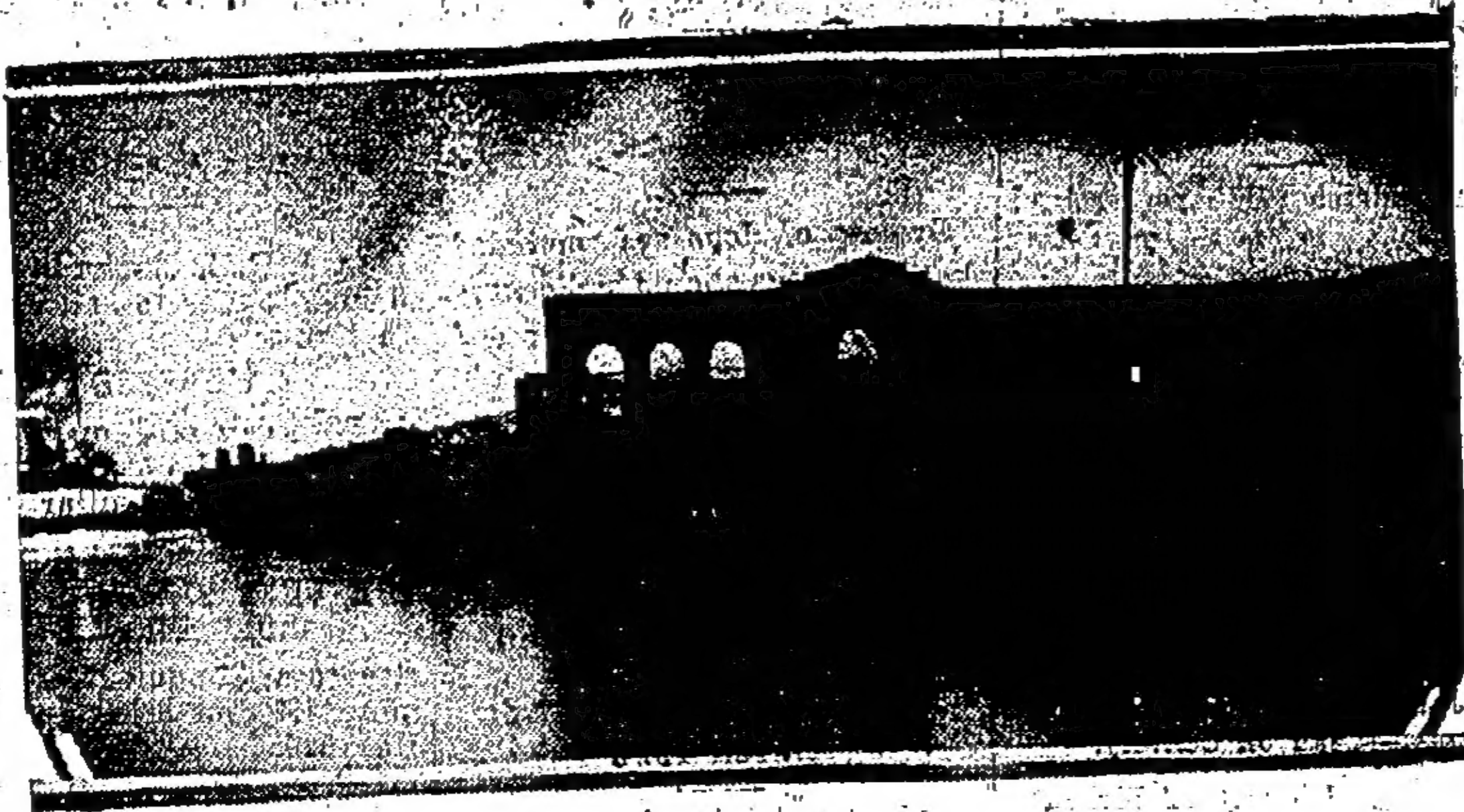
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A Shanghai Pack.



The Shanghai Hounds, which provide much sport to both riding enthusiasts and those who follow on foot, are here seen with their Master.

Fire Sweeps New Orleans' Waterfront.



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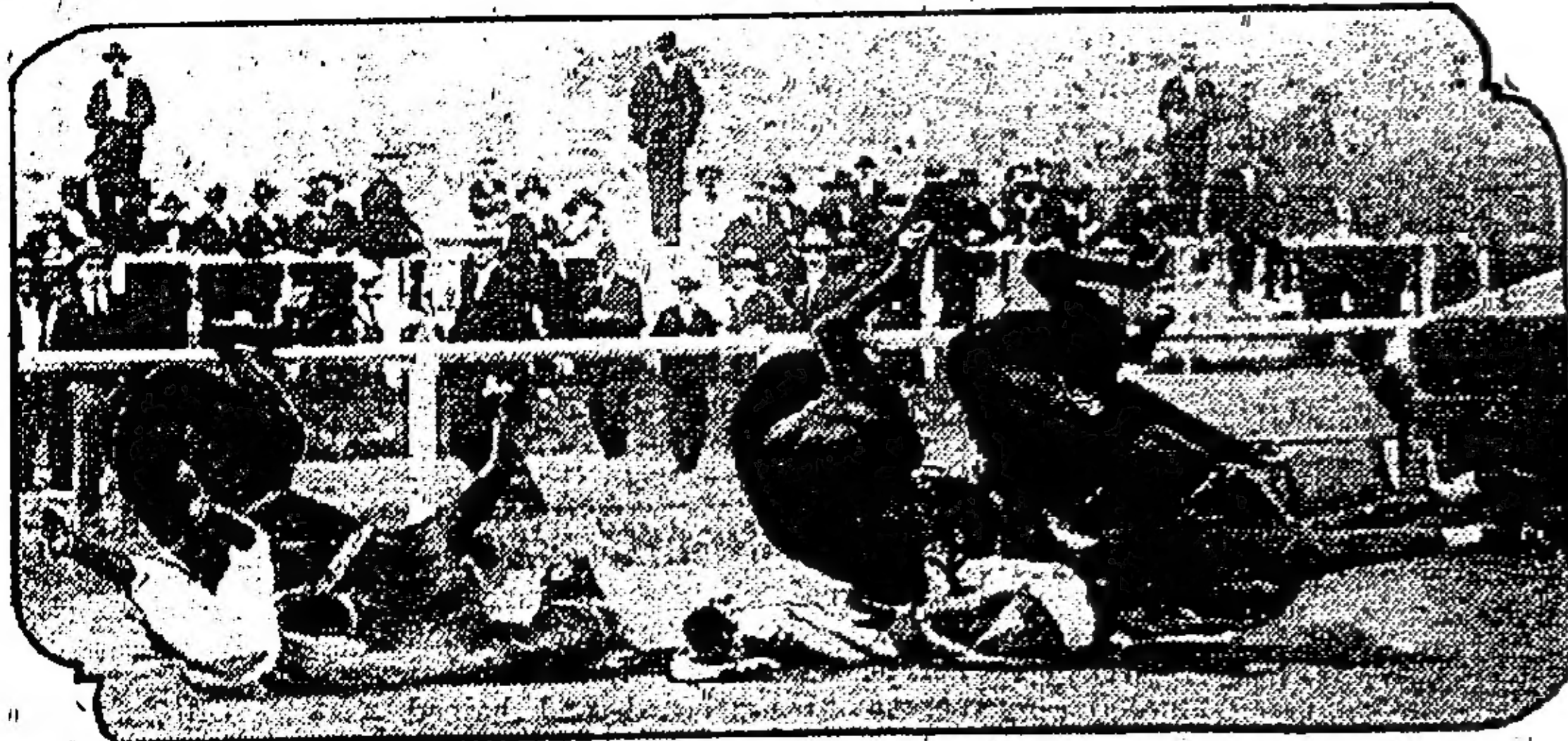
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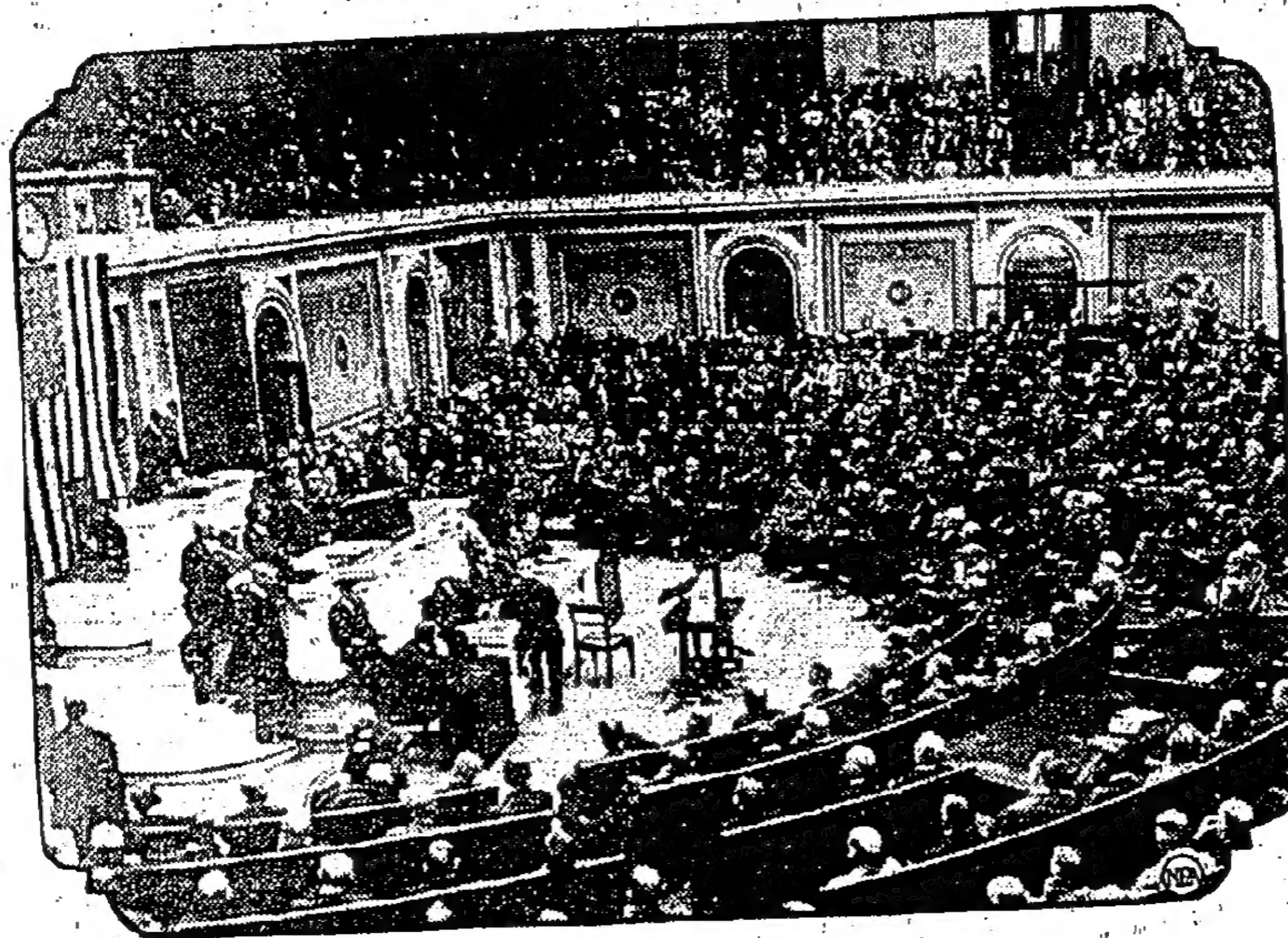
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Lives of many passengers of the Pittsburg & West Virginia railroad were imperilled when a 125-ton boulder, loosened by heavy rains, crashed down from Mt. Washington, Pittsburg, crushed a portion of the railroad bridge and blocked a tunnel which is the road's only entrance to the city.

69th Session of Congress.



Representative Nicholas Longworth, Ohio, newly elected speaker of the House, is here shown making his inaugural address at the opening of the Sixty-ninth Session of Congress.

Shanghai Paper Hunt.



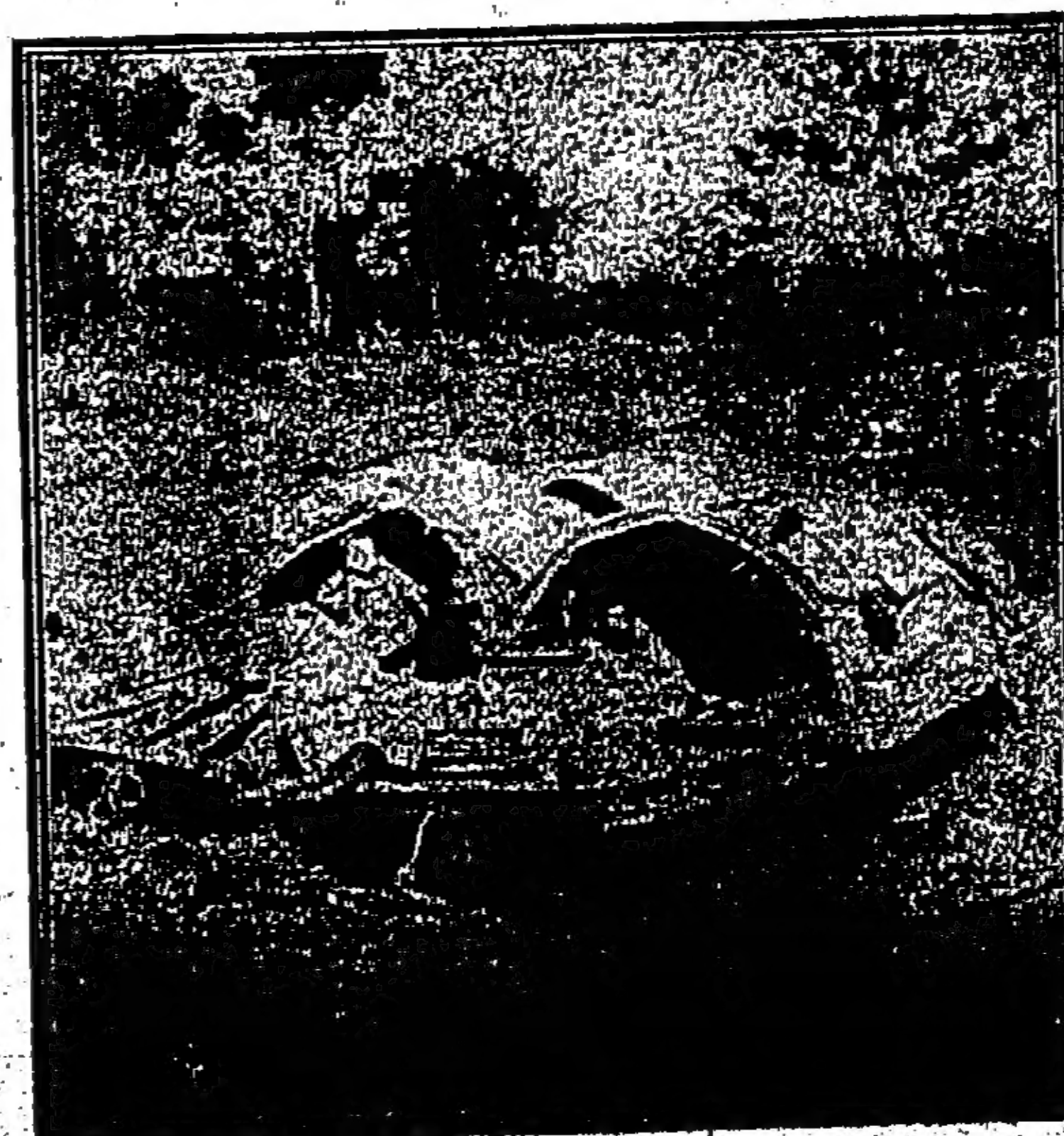
Miss Billy Coutts, who has lately returned to Shanghai from Europe, lost no time in making her re-appearance at Shanghai Hunts.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY EIGHTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd. on WEDNESDAY 27th January 1926 at noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December 1925.

The REGISTER of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Friday, 15th January to Wednesday, 27th January, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

L. S. GREENHILL,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 7th January, 1926.

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The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Wednesday, the 20th January, 1926, to Thursday, the 28th January, 1926, both days inclusive. By Order of the Board of Directors: F. H. CRAPNELL, Acting Secretary. Hongkong, Jan. 15, 1926.

LAMMERT'S AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

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On Tuesday the 26th day of January 1926, at 3 o'clock p.m. at their Sales Rooms, Duddell Street, Victoria, Hongkong.

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For further Particulars and Conditions of Sale Apply to Messrs. JOHNSON STOKES and MASTER Prince's Building, Hongkong.

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G. R. NOTICE.

Dog Licence.

Owners of dogs are reminded that their dogs should be licensed for the year 1926 before the end of January.

P. P. J. WODEHOUSE, Captain Supt. of Police. Hongkong, 15th January 1926.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Third Day, 7th Race, 3rd. March 1926.

The United Services Cup.

Notice is hereby given that the conditions for this Race have been altered and should read as under:—

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MILITARY COSTS.

FRANCE AND AMERICA COMPARED.

Paris, Jan. 18.

According to the "Continental edition of the New York Herald," the American banker, Mr. Auld, former Accountant General of the Reparations Commission, replying to the argument of Senator Borah according to which France could easily pay her debts by reducing military expenses, asks if France can do away with defence, and points out that the United States, whose strategic position is unassailable, spends two and a half times more than France.—Indopacific.

LOCAL HOCKEY.

CLUB TO MEET "HAWKINS."

The following will represent the Club against H.M.S. Hawkins at 5 p.m. sharp on Wednesday at the U.S.R.C.—E. W. Hamilton, C. L. R. Becher, A. A. Dand, A. S. Hett, E. J. R. Mitchell (capt.), E. W. L. Martin, H. Owen Hughes, W. Woodward, Lt. G. Sillitoe, R. M. L. E. H. Jacobs, Larkcom, R. E., and A. D. Ball.

"ASIA'S" COLLISION.

CONFLICTING EVIDENCE BY CAPTAINS.

The feature of the Naval Court of Enquiry held at Shanghai on Thursday last, into the collision between the Empress of Asia, and the s.s. Tungshing, was the conflicting evidence given by the masters of the vessels concerned.

Capt. L. D. Douglas, commander of the Empress of Asia, after describing his vessel's departure from the China Merchant's Wharf at 6.15 a.m. on Monday, stated that under the pilot, Capt. Inch, they proceeded downstream at various speeds on the manoeuvring engine. Shortly after rounding Black Point they passed two steamers port to port. A third steamer, the Tungshing, was ahead. At about 7 o'clock the Tungshing sounded one blast, to which the Asia replied with one blast, and her helm was put to port. The Tungshing, although she had sounded the one blast, made no perceptible alteration of course.

The President—Did you answer your helm?

Witness—We answered the helm, but very very slowly.

Continuing the Captain said that at this time the Empress was on the edge of the shoal water on their own starboard side. The Tungshing again sounded one blast, to which the Asia replied. Her helm was put hard to port and her engines at half-speed. Actually, the Asia, being still in shoal water on her starboard side of the fairway, was very sluggish on her helm. She turned slightly to starboard. The Tungshing, when she sounded her second one blast, altered her course to starboard and gained diagonally across the Asia's port side. At this moment the speed of the latter was about 9 knots. With her helm hard a port, and at this speed, with reasonable water under the ship's bottom, the Asia should have answered her helm rapidly. She was a ship that was very quick on the helm, but as she was already in shoal water her actions were sluggish.

At 7.01 a.m. the two ships came rapidly, closer together. All engines were stopped in the Asia, and the starboard engine then put full astern and the port engine full ahead. Even with these manoeuvres the ship's head moved very slowly to starboard.

At this time the Tungshing was moving diagonally across the Asia's bows from starboard to port. It seemed almost certain that there would be a collision. Witness ordered the Staff Captain, on the bridge, to close watertight doors. Just before the impact, which occurred at 7.02 a.m. both engines were put full speed astern.

The Asia struck the other vessel just abaft her boat deck on the port side. The Empress's speed at the moment of the collision was between six and seven knots. It was thought advisable not to draw off the Tungshing, so both of the Asia's engines were stopped. Being the heavier ship she still had enough way on to push the Tungshing about 300 feet headway across the channel in a northwesterly direction and until she touched the bottom.

In answer to Mr. McNeill, witness said that up till the time of the accident the steering gear of his ship had shown no signs of any defect.

Counsel—Do you think it was entirely prudent to go out with your big ship on this tide?

Witness—It was more or less neap tide and in the channel we had quite sufficient water for our draught.

Counsel—I would say that you had not sufficient draught, Captain, because your ship steered sluggishly owing to the shoal water?

Witness—We had sufficient water.

CAPT. STURGEON'S VERSION.

Capt. J. M. Sturgeon, master of the Tungshing, said that he proceeded up river in the usual middle channel. When they rounded No. 5 Buoy the vessel crossed to south with the Standard Oil tanks ahead. Witness observed the Asia clearing Black Point, steering diagonally across the river. She being a larger vessel than the Tungshing he held more towards the Shanghai side than he usually did. When the Asia was about three-quarters of a mile off, witness again altered his course to starboard, indicating this by one blast, which was answered by the Empress by one blast. As they closed up to each other witness altered his course once more, again indicating the fact by one blast, which was not answered by the Asia. After

GOLF INTERPORT.

SHANGHAI'S GOOD PROSPECTS.

The big interest in golf at the moment, says the North China Daily News, is the coming inter-port match at Hongkong, and it is satisfactory to know that the Shanghai Golf Club will be represented by a first-class combination. The conditions of the match are that singles shall be played on the opening day—36 holes—and on the second those will be two rounds of four-ball matches. The team to represent Shanghai is as follows:—L. W. Budd, J. B. Ferrier, A. R. Blinko, H. R. Malcolm, L. Farbury and K. M. Cumming. They are leaving Shanghai about February 10, and the match will probably take place on the 15th and 16th.

Manila is at the same time sending a team to Hongkong, and it is anticipated that on the day following the Hongkong game there will be a match against the latter. Probably time will not permit of the same programme being carried out by Shanghai against Manila as is the case with Hongkong, and so it will be likely confined to singles in the morning and four-balls in the afternoon.

EXPERIENCED PLAYERS.

The Shanghai team is one which we are very fortunate in having. Four of the members have already played in competition over Fanling, and that is a very great asset. Moreover, one of these, Cumming, knows the course intimately. This is a very useful advantage on such a course, for the unwary player at Fanling may find himself in the most appalling trouble—more so than on any of the courses at Shanghai. Blinko and Farbury are, we believe, the two members of the team who have not yet played there, but they have had so much experience on different courses, that the couple of days' practice before the actual competition should prove all that is necessary for them.

Mr. William Robertson, an old Rochdale journalist, has died at the age of 90. He was the first biographer of John Bright, of whom he was a personal friend. He also reported Cobden in the 'fifties and 'sixties, and was the author of several books on Rochdale.

blowing her whistle in reply to witness's previous blast the Asia did not alter her course, but went straight on across the river. Witness continued to port his helm and gave thereafter a series of short blasts at intervals of about half a minute.

Continuing, witness said that when he saw that a collision was inevitable and his ship was about 100 feet from the Asia he starboarded to try and square the Tungshing, so as to minimise the force of the impact. He then described the collision.

Other evidence was given.

THE PILOT'S STORY.

Capt. Inch who piloted the Empress of Asia down river, said all went well until he made Black Point. The Asia was heading down channel on practically a north course with the No. 5 Buoy open on the port bow. A mile away the Tungshing blew one short blast. Immediately after replying, witness gave the order to port a little and the vessel came to starboard at a rough estimate, five degrees. The Tungshing did not apparently alter her course after giving the one blast signal. Both ships now being about half a mile apart, the Tungshing gave another one-blast signal to which the Asia also replied and her helm was put hard a port. It was then seen that the Tungshing was altering its course and the Asia was in such a position that witness could see that there was about to be a collision. The engines were put at half speed and then stopped. Immediately the engine-room telegraph had replied to the stop witness put starboard engine full speed astern and the port one full speed ahead. Just after they struck witness put both engines full speed astern. After the impact both engines were stopped and the helm put hard a starboard.

Witness's object in keeping as much way on as possible after the collision was to try and push the Tungshing as far as possible on the Shanghai side of the fairway. The Court's verdict was that both masters were to blame.

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THE LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP.

Close Rivalry in Both Classes.

The last but one race in the Ladies' Championship took place yesterday in rather fluky weather, and the results show that there is very close rivalry, the leading boats being separated by very few points. The last race, which will be sailed on February 1, should prove interesting and possibly very exciting.

The starters yesterday were Diana (Mrs. Arthur), Colleen (Miss R. Hazeland), Falcon (Miss C. M. Shaw) and La Linda (Mrs. Scott) in the Handicap class; and in the Heyward Heys and Gael, Gael (Mrs. Bailward), Thecla (Mrs. Barracough), Joan (Mrs. Davidson), Why Wonder? (Mrs. Adams), Sealark (Mrs. Crane), Bluenose (Mrs. Mitchell), Adanne (Miss Hollingsworth), Pierrette (Miss Yeoman).

The course was from the Club to a mark boat in Quarry Bay, to Lyemun Beacon, Kowloon Rock and the finish at the Club, a distance of 6.3 miles. The wind was from the east and blowing at about force 3, but between the Beacon and Kowloon Rock it was rather fluky and often some boats were only just moving through the water. Diana went well ahead and easily saved her time on the other boats. Colleen stood well up, but was passed by La Linda between the Beacon and Kowloon Rock, but La Linda failed to save her time and took third place.

Bluenose won again in the Heyward Heys and Gael class, Sealark and Why Wonder? being close behind her in that order.

In the Handicap Class, the points are now as follows: Diana 40, Colleen 39, Falcon 27, La Linda 26.

Heyward Heys and Gael: Bluenose 54, Sealark 52, Why Wonder? 49, Thecla 44, Gael 38, Joan 23, Pierrette 15 and Adanne 14.

Details.

Up on Finish—Correct—Course in Time and Time Handicaps.

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|----------------|------|---------|---------|
| Diana, 1st. | 0.31 | 4.12.01 | 4.11.30 |
| La Linda, 2nd. | 3.40 | 4.17.42 | 4.14.02 |
| Colleen, 2nd. | 4.43 | 4.18.32 | 4.13.48 |
| Falcon | 4.43 | 4.20.40 | 4.15.56 |

Heyward Heys and Gael.

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|----------------|------|---------|---------|
| Bluenose, 1st. | 1.34 | 4.27.25 | 4.25.51 |
| Sealark, 2nd. | 1.34 | 4.28.15 | 4.26.40 |
| Why Wonder? | | | |

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|-----------|------|---------|---------|
| 3rd. | 1.34 | 4.28.58 | 4.27.23 |
| Gael | 2.37 | 4.31.23 | 4.28.45 |
| Adanne | 1.34 | 4.31.51 | 4.30.16 |
| Thecla | 4.43 | 4.33.15 | 4.28.31 |
| Joan | 2.06 | 4.34.24 | 4.32.15 |
| Pierrette | 3.09 | 4.34.27 | 4.31.18 |

Sunday's Race.

In yesterday's issue it was stated that La Cigale did the course round the island on Sunday in just over four hours and Coquette in four hours and three quarters. This was due to a miscalculation, and the respective times should have been La Cigale just over four hours and a half and Coquette just under five hours and a quarter. This in fact was shown by the times given.

Racing Class Points.

The points in the racing classes up to and including last Saturday are as follows:—Handicaps: Colleen 38, Diana 35, Falcon 30, Rolla 27, La Linda 27, Dorothea 24 and Argulla 21.

Heyward Heys: Why Wonder? 58, Boojum 54, Bluenose 50, Adele and Adanne 45, Sealark 43, Lola 30 and Lysbeth 9.

Gael and One Design: Daphne 59, Joan 51, Thecla 48, Gael 47, Meesing 36, Ailsa 34, Halsey 26, Pierrette 19 and Viking 8.

EMIGRANTS' FLIGHT.

ARRESTED ON ARRIVAL IN AMERICA.

Passport Case Continued.

The case in which a Peruvian is charged with obtaining various sums of money totalling \$1,910 by means of false passports, was continued before Major Willson at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

Further evidence was given by Map Fei, who said he eventually landed at San Francisco after having received his passport. When he landed he was taken before the United States Emigration authorities, and later charged at the police court.

He was sentenced to six months' imprisonment for gaining entry into the United States with a false passport. He served five months of his sentence, and was then sent to Angel Island. He was sent back to Hongkong a fortnight later.

Following his return to Hongkong, defendant called at the house where witness was staying and seemed surprised to see him. Defendant said, "You have come back. You need not be afraid. I will get another paper made for you to go."

A Casual Meeting.

Witness replied that he would not go again even if the defendant gave him \$10,000. He told the defendant at that time that he had been imprisoned.

He also asked for the money he had paid for the passport to be returned. Defendant said he would borrow \$100, and he took witness to the first floor of A. S. Watson and Co. and told him to wait until he borrowed the money.

Witness never saw him again until December 19 when he noticed defendant walking along Des Voeux Road. He was outside Sincere's at the time, and witness seized him, blew a whistle and had defendant arrested.

Cross-examined by Mr. Leo D'Almeida, for the defence, witness said previously he was a farmer in the country earning \$20 a month. He decided to go to America, and had frequent talks with Young Yan-cho on the subject.

He deposited a sum of \$1,380 in the bank in accordance with the agreement he had entered into in respect of the passport.

The case was adjourned until Friday afternoon.

PROPERTY SALE.

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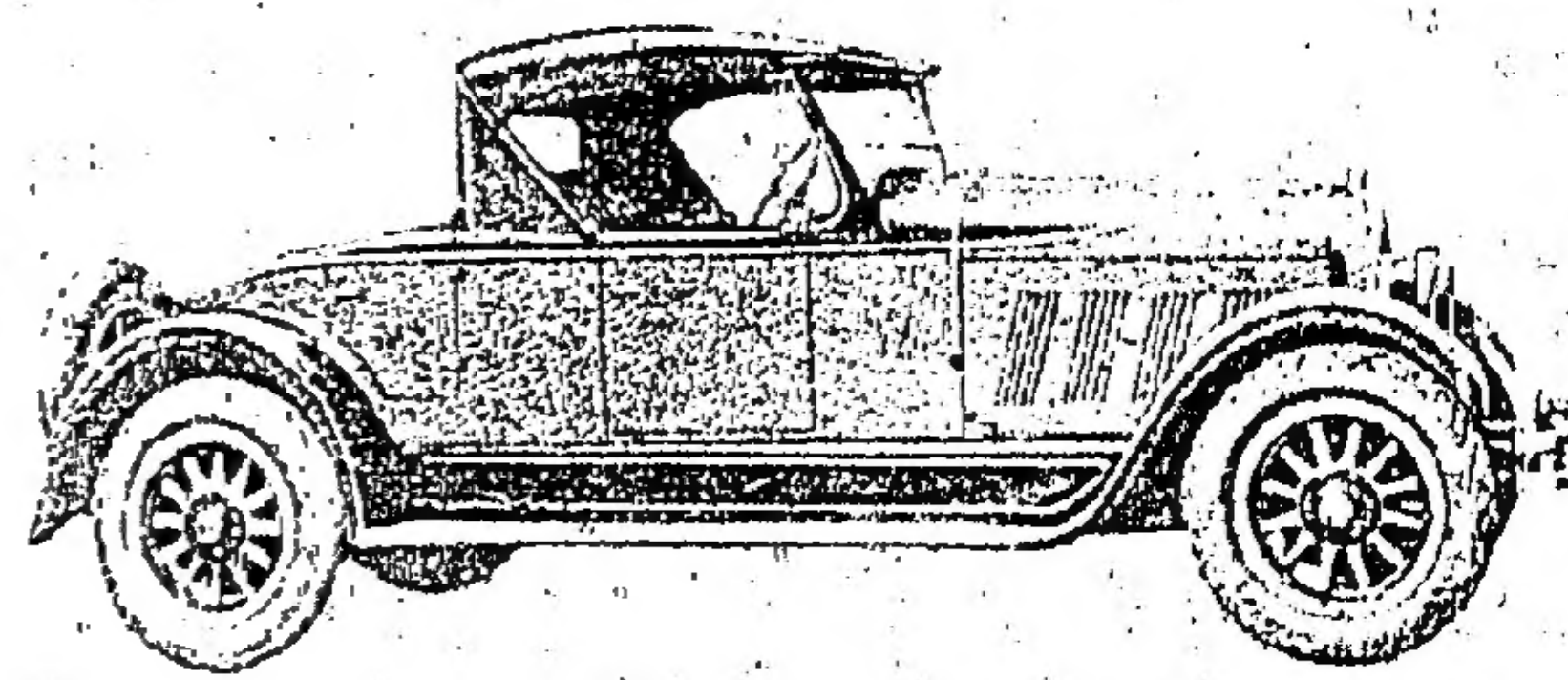
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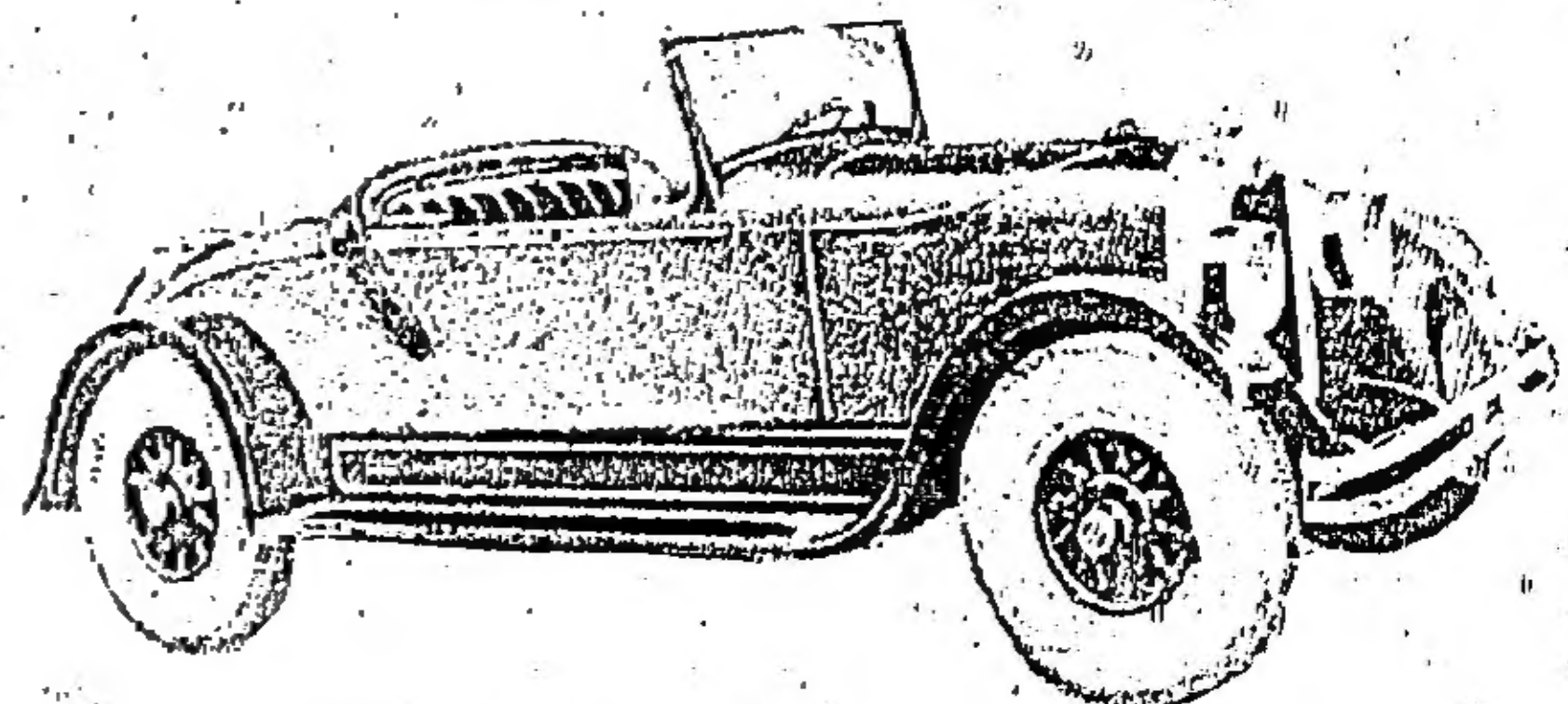
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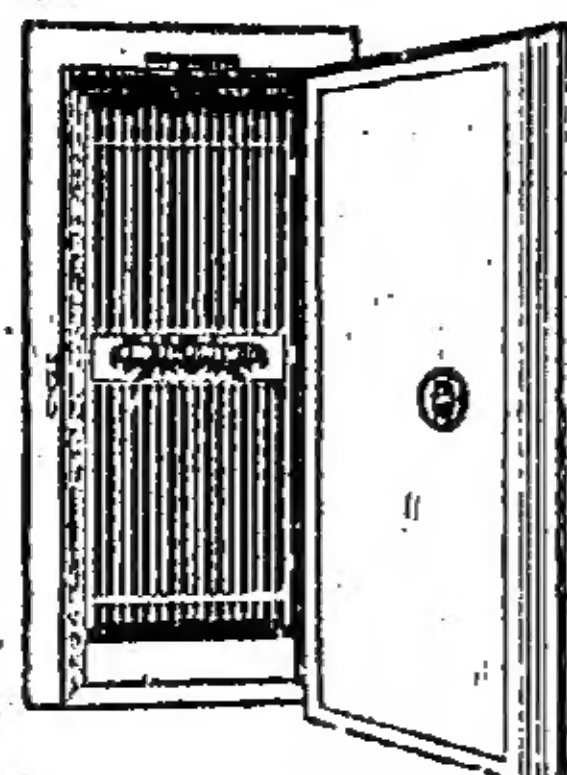
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The Telegraph.

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AN UNCERTAIN OUTLOOK.

At the present moment, there is a lull in the military operations in North China, but it would appear from a study of the newspapers that the situation is by no means composed as yet. The recent remarkable recovery of Marshal Chang Tso-lin and the triumph of what has been termed the People's Army, in its war with General Li, put an entirely different complexion on the civil war, and there were hopes in many quarters that these developments would usher in a new and more peaceful era. It seems, however, that the situation in Shantung is still far from settled, the relations between the Honan forces and the troops under Marshal Wu Pui-fu still being complicated.

One result of the recent fighting has been that all the forces have been weakened by losses, and it is stated that the People's Army, which has gained by the turn of events, is rather eager for peace. There is, however, a fear by the followers of General Feng that the Mukdenites may attempt to extend their influence to Shanhaikwan, Jehol and Peking, and it is said that this is the main factor in preventing a stabilisation of matters in the capital. Much, of course, depends on the attitude of Chang Tso-lin. On this point, the Mukden War Lord, in a recent interview, stated that he intends supplying arms and ammunition to General Li Ching-lin in return for his aid, as he could not leave him to his fate. What is of more importance than this statement, however, is his declaration that he does not propose sending his troops beyond Shanhaikwan, and that he will do his utmost for the preservation of peace in the three Eastern Provinces. He added that the Mukden forces could easily defeat the People's Army, but he has no intention of fighting against General Feng, his present plan being to retire from office when he has completely restored peace in the Three Eastern Provinces.

There are, however, other factors in the situation besides Marshal Chang Tso-lin, and it will be interesting to watch how the various interests become aligned as time goes on. What makes the outlook even more

uncertain is the widespread belief that the newly-formed Hsu Shih-yung Cabinet is none too securely seated in the saddle. So far as one can gather, there are still many complicated issues to be straightened out, both in the political and military domains, and he would be a bold man who would venture to prophesy what the year 1926 has in store for North China and the country at large.

Fire-Fighting Needs.

Nothing yet has been said officially regarding possible action to make quite certain that the Colony is saved a further fire of such disastrous character as that which visited the Hongkong Hotel on New Year's Day. It is common ground between all parties—the Government Fire Brigade, the Hotel Company and the insurance bodies—that there was no effective fire-fighting force of water in the building until the engines of the Brigade got to work at a time when the top floor was almost hopelessly involved, and we think that the public have a right to know what governmental action is being taken to ensure that in all high buildings there can, at all times, be secured a strong force of water on the upper floors. There are one or two buildings here in which special fire-fighting pumps have been installed, and we seriously suggest that in the absence of very high pressure in the street mains, the Government should insist on all high buildings having such pumps installed. We know that in Shanghai very strict regulations are enforced as regards fire protection before an "occupation certificate" is given by the Municipality, and there have been many cases in which owners of property already in occupation have been told to carry out certain work unless they desire to have the building officially closed against them. There is far too much official indifference here to the question of fire protection in buildings, although it would be a carping critic who would find fault with the work of the Fire Brigade. It is not enough to provide a good Fire Brigade; there should be strictly enforceable anti-fire regulations governing the occupation of property. If we take the Peak district, for instance, how many houses are there the inhabitants of which would have any possible chance of putting out a serious fire before the Fire Brigade arrived? What does anybody think would happen if the Peak Hotel went on fire? Surely, it is just as important for a building to be properly equipped to fight fire as it is for it to conform to certain standards of security?

GREEK DEBT.

HITCH IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH U.S.

Washington, Jan. 18. A temporary deadlock has arisen in the Greek debt negotiations, as the Greeks have informed the American commission that they are unauthorised to negotiate the funding of the fifteen million dollar war debt unless the United States will extend a further loan of thirty-three millions. The Americans have replied that they are unauthorised to make any further advances under the war credit. It is understood that the Greeks are cabling to Athens for instructions.

Later. During the war the United States extended a credit of fifty million dollars to Greece but only fifteen millions were actually advanced. The Greek Government now, apparently, desires, as a condition of the funding settlement, to draw on the balance of this war credit after allowing for accrued interest on what has been actually advanced.

M. KRASSIN'S HEALTH.

PROLONGED HOLIDAY PLANNED.

Paris, Jan. 18. M. Krassin has arrived here from Moscow and leaves shortly to resume his duties at the Embassy in London, though, owing to the state of his health, he intends to take a fairly prolonged holiday in the near future.

DAY BY DAY.

THE GIFT DERIVES ITS VALUE FROM THE RANK OF THE GIVER.—Ovid.

There was a clean bill of health in the Colony over the week-end.

The P. & O. s.s. Karmala, which left Singapore at 6 p.m. on the 18th instant, is due here at 6 p.m. on the 23rd.

H. M. S. Concord arrived from the north yesterday morning at 7.15 and berthed in the man-of-war anchorage.

The weather forecast for tomorrow is: N.E. winds, moderate to fresh; generally overcast, some drizzle or mist.

The paying-off ball of H. M. S. Hawkins will take place on board tomorrow evening, commencing at 8.30 p.m. The officers' ball has been arranged for the following evening.

The President Polk, arriving yesterday, reports boisterous seas between San Francisco and Kobe, during which time a Chinese member of the crew was washed overboard.

In the Ladies' Section of the Golf Club, the final of the Railway Cup was played on Thursday last, the winner being Mrs. D. J. Lewis, who beat Mrs. K. S. Morrison by 2 and 1.

With reference to the application by Mr. Owen (Hastings, Dennis, and Bowley), at the Central Police Court yesterday, for the case against the two Chinese, who were sent to prison for three months with hard labour, for intimidating a pantry boy at the Hongkong Hotel, to be reopened, it has been decided that the case will not be re-heard.

An official communique announces the appointment of General Ching Chin, as General Officer Commanding the 6th Army Corps and General Loo Te-ping, as Vice-General Officer Commanding the 2nd Army Corps. Another communique announces the appointment of Dr. C. C. Wu, Messrs. Hsu Chien, Lum Cheong, Loo Hing-yuen and Chin Shu-fun as members of the Committee of Judicial Affairs, with Hsu Chien as Chairman of the Committee. In the absence of Hsu Chien on a special diplomatic mission to Peking, Dr. C. C. Wu is to act as Chairman *pro tem*.

Telegrams from the magistrates of the districts in the extreme north-eastern part of Kwangtung have been received, stating that those districts have been raided by roving bands of the Yuet-Kwan soldiers on the Kiangsi-Fukien Kwangtung frontier, and that the forces stationed there are inadequate to round them up. The Committee of Military Affairs has ordered General Ching Chin, who is responsible for the peace and welfare of these districts, to hunt down these bands of soldiers even if he has to enter the territory of Kiangsi to do so.

PIECE GOODS PROBLEM.

SOUND ADVICE TO LANCASHIRE.

London, Jan. 18. Urging Lancashire to start the extensive production of cotton cloth of coarser grades, Sir William Clare Lees, ex-president of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce, in a speech, said that the growth of cotton in India and China was a factor that would have to be reckoned with. So long as eastern peoples were ready to buy cloth made from that cotton Britain should strive for a share of the business. He quoted statistics showing the remarkable increase in Japanese exports of piece goods to China, corresponding with a decline of Britain's share.

BRITISH GOLFER.

ACCEPTS NEW YORK POST.

New York, Jan. 18. While staying at St. Augustine, Florida, Archie Compston, the North Manchester golf professional, who is touring the States with Massy, has intimated that he has tentatively accepted an appointment with the New York Metropolitan and District Club. Thus, Britain loses one of her best known golfing personalities.

LOCARNO TREATY.

AN ITALIAN ARGUMENT.

Rome, Jan. 18.

The Special Committee charged with the examination of the Locarno Treaty presented its report to the Chamber of Deputies, protesting against the possibility of granting a colonial mandate to Germany before Italy has obtained from the League of Nations the means to assure her own economic expansion.

GERMAN OPINION.

Berlin, Jan. 18.

Herr Stressemann, speaking yesterday at a Populist meeting, declared that it would be foolish to give a definite judgment on the Locarno Treaty, which has not yet entered into force and which will not bear all its fruits until after Germany has joined the League of Nations. Meanwhile, he thinks that it is an historical fact that this Treaty has already shaken the previous Rhenish politics of France.

THE RHINELAND.

BRITAIN AND GERMANY'S REQUEST.

London, Jan. 18.

Reuter learns that the British Government is at present giving attention to Germany's representations regarding the number of Allied troops in the Rhineland, with a view to suitably replying thereto after consultation with the Franco-Belgian Governments.

RUBBER SHARES.

LATEST QUOTATIONS.

Messrs. Carroll Bros. are in receipt of a cable from Singapore advising that rubber is quoted at \$1.09 per lb., and giving the following quotations:—
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SOVIET CHANGES.

FRENCH PAPER'S OPINION.

Paris, Jan. 18.

Le Matin regards the Soviet changes as the most considerable event in the internal politics of Russia since the death of M. Lenin. M. Rykoff, representing the truly Russian National Modernism and Communism, tends to become the heir of M. Lenin.

NAVAL CONSTRUCTION.

BRITAIN'S MODEST PROGRAMME.

London, Jan. 18.

In a speech at Ludlow, reviewing the Government's record, Mr. Bridgeman said it was not generally known that other great maritime Powers namely the United States, Japan, France and Italy had laid down since the war over three hundred warships, from cruisers downwards, while Britain's contribution was only eleven; "So don't let anybody say we led the competition in the new construction of warships."

ROBBERY PLANNED?

FOUR CHINESE CHARGED.

Four Chinese, who were caught on the stairway at 230, Queen's Road East, appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindell, at the Central Police Court this morning, charged with attempted armed robbery, and hoing in possession of daggers, gags, etc. Inspector Murphy asked for a remand for a week, and this was granted.

TRAFFIC CASES.

(Continued from Page 1.)

P. W. D. MAN FINED.

Mr. A. J. Wheelod, of the P.W.D., the owner of an A.J.S. combination, was charged by Sergt. Baker, of the Traffic Department, with leaving the vehicle unattended at 2.45 p.m. on December 28th on the south side of Queen's Road Central, opposite the City Hall.

After Sergeant Baker had given evidence, defendant said he had no desire to leave the combination at the spot where it was found. He had previously left it in the parking space near the fountain, outside the City Hall, but the police themselves pushed it into the place where Sergeant Baker found it.

Chief Inspector Kent explained that it was only at night-time, when there were performances in the theatre, that cars were moved over on to the Beaconsfield Arcade side of the parking place. At all other times they were allowed in the space outside the theatre.

Defendant then complained of the delay in notifying him of the offence. He said it was fifteen days after the incident that he received the summons, by which time he might easily forget what really happened.

Chief Inspector Kent said if there was any delay it must be on the part of the Magistrate's Office in issuing the summons.

Defendant was fined \$5.

THOUGHT HE WAS BEING SALUTED.

For dangerous driving on Stubbs Road, particularly in negotiating a corner which is regarded as dangerous, a Hongkong Hotel Garage driver was fined \$20.

Sergeant Baker, of the Traffic Department, who overtook the defendant on his combination, said that in the process of speeding along Stubbs Road, the defendant first overtook a car, then a lorry at a dangerous corner. The speed defendant attained was 20 miles an hour, and there might have been a bad smash at the corner with a vehicle from the opposite direction.

The defendant, who asked how his driving could be regarded as dangerous, told the Court that he thought he was being accorded a salute when Sergeant Baker overtook him and raised up an arm in warning.

A EUROPEAN FINED.

Mr. C. R. Vallack was fined \$10 on a charge of speeding while driving a motor cycle combination in Morrisiah Cap Road on the 19th December.

Inspector Alexander stated he was on his combination with the Chief Inspector in the side car when he saw defendant, who was attempting to overtake a lorry, but had to swerve behind it again when another lorry approached from the opposite direction.

WELL-KNOWN PONY INJURED.

Elmleaf, a well-known race-pony belonging to Mr. A. H. Carroll, was injured in the left buttock when a motor cycle ridden by a bespectacled Chinese youth ran into it sometime last month.

The accident occurred in Leighton Hill Road and it is alleged by the youth that it was brought about by the pony, which was being led along by a mafao, taking fright and backing into the way of his machine, which was being driven on the proper side of the roadway.

Replying to the Magistrate, Inspector Kent said the animal was unable to carry on training for sometime and they were not sure that they would be able to run it in the forthcoming Races.

Mr. Carroll, who was kept away by a Board meeting, was represented in Court by one of his clerks, who said that Mr. Carroll had actually spent between \$70 to \$80 in having the pony attended to for the rather serious scratch caused to the upper part of its left hindleg.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$5 on the defendant for negligent driving, and on the question of compensation for Mr. Carroll instructed the Chief Inspector to see the pony's owner.

Hatred of the former German Kaiser is still strong enough in England to force a Sheffield picture theatre manager to withdraw a film depicting Wilhelm II and his daily life in Doorn. The film was shown recently and almost caused a riot although the picture itself simply dealt with the ex-Kaiser doing odd jobs about the house and reading the Bible.

FRATERNITY PARTY IN CANTON.



Photo shows the Kwangtung General Labour Association welcoming the "Fraternity Party" of Hongkong merchants recently in Canton. (By courtesy of the Wah Kiu Yat Po).



Officials of the four Canton Chambers of Commerce are here seen welcoming the "Fraternity Party" from Hongkong. (By courtesy of the Wah Kiu Yat Po).

SHANGHAI LETTER.

Batch of Suicides—Crime Wave—Bird Market—Burst.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Jan. 14.
In the train of the festive Christmas season is a depressing record, unparalleled in the history of recent years in Shanghai, of an unusual number of suicides committed by individuals more or less well-known. Unfortunate affairs of the heart, ill health, financial reverses have supplied causes in most of the cases of self-destruction.

Most of the tragedies have been staged in rooms of Shanghai's leading hotels and one victim was a member of the Astor House staff. First of the unhappy list was Mrs. Alice Bowen, whose passing on December 13 ushered in the gloomy era. Mrs. Bowen was a California girl employed as a member of the staff of the American Consulate. She was immensely popular with a host of friends who made her a favourite by reason of her sprightly wit and unfailing optimism. Why she killed herself never was definitely disclosed. She ended her life in her room at the Astor House by taking an overdose of veronal and her lifeless body was not found until the day after she took the poison. "I'm just tired of living," she explained in a pathetic note that she left addressed to the general public.

Another of the victims was Wallace Powell, a Briton who was employed by S. J. David and Company. He killed himself in his room at the Burlington Hotel in his wife's presence on Christmas Eve. Mr. Powell arose from the table having had the meal served in the room and with the simple remark, "I'm all fed up," took a pistol and shot himself.

An affair with a dancing girl, well-known to Shanghai's cabaret world as "Ginger," led to the world as "Ginger," led to the suicide of Roman Donrongaro, who was the popular manager of the Astor House ball room. "Roman" as he was familiarly known to Astor House patrons was a Spaniard of 28. He had danced with "Ginger" through the evening at the Palais de Danse, connected with the Carlton. Leaving the place, he quarrelled with the girl and as the automobile was speeding through Nanking Road he fired a bullet through his head. The tragedy was discovered by the chauffeur when he sought to pre-

sent the child for the car to the lifeless man. This took place on January 7.

D. A. Pophrey, a young American of the staff of Liggett and Myers Tobacco Co., was another of those who was impelled to give up the struggle with life. While his wife was taking Glin and he was alone in their room at the Hotel Plaza, he fired a bullet through his brain. His wife, returning to the room, found him dead on the bathroom floor. Young Pophrey, who had lived in Tientsin until his recent transfer to Shanghai, had been ill several days suffering with an attack of malaria.

In addition to those whose deaths received some degree of public notice in Shanghai newspapers another suicide was that of a young Polish girl who poisoned herself after a lover's quarrel.

Plenty of Crime.

As a kind of accompaniment through this period of tragedy, Shanghai has been experiencing the usual mid-winter crime wave which this year seems more serious than in other seasons. In general Chinese have been victims and the common form of offence has been the raid by armed robbers upon dwelling houses. Up to the time of writing an average of three armed robberies a day have been taking place within the boundaries of the two foreign settlements and this record is augmented by a considerable amount of violence and disorder in the adjacent Chinese territory.

Big Fire.

One recent disaster of proportions was a conflagration in the so-called Chinese city which lies immediately south of the French concession. While this wiped out several blocks of close-huddled structures that filled the narrow by-ways of the district, the thing about the fire of more than ordinary interest was the destruction of the section given over a market of pets of every description, particularly song birds. It has been said this was one of the largest bird markets in the world. Many of the birds and other animals perished in the blaze and the ancient Willow Tea House, to which every tourist who visits the section is guided, narrowly escaped destruction.

In a written answer the British Postmaster-General states that the number of letters re-directed per month by the Post Office for the public is estimated at 3-2-3 millions, and the number returned to the senders each month undeliverable at 14 millions.

POLAR EXPEDITION.

TO NORTH POLE BY AIRSHIP.

Oslo, Jan. 18.

During a conference of the past few days a contract has been agreed upon under which the Italian, Colonel Nobile, commands the airship, Norge for the polar expedition. A route will be taken from Rome to Spitzbergen embracing Marseilles, Paris, Pulham, Leningrad, Vardoe and Kings Bay. If Leningrad is unavailable the Norge will go from Pulham to Vardoe via Oslo, Sweden. There will be sixteen or seventeen aboard, and they include, besides, Amundsen and Ellsworth, Lieutenants Riser Larsen and Omdal of last year's expedition; also Captain Misting, of Amundsen's ship Maud; and scientific experts. There will be an Italian crew. —Reuter.

Previous messages have stated that Colonel Nobile, the engineer who invented and constructed the airship, in which Captain Amundsen and Col. Nobile and a crew of fifteen mechanics will undertake a polar flight in the Spring. The scientific goal of the expedition is to establish the presence of land or sea and the actual nature of the Polar region. The proposed course of flight will be from Spitzbergen to Cape Barrow, North Alaska, a distance of 2,200 miles, 700 miles of which separate Spitzbergen from the Pole. It is estimated that the journey will take sixty-five hours. The expedition will be called the Amundsen-Ellsworth 1926 Trans-Polar flight. Its record will be written by the two leaders in co-operation. The expedition will be managed by the Norwegian Aero Club and sail under the Norwegian colours. —Reuter.

GERMAN DISARMAMENT.

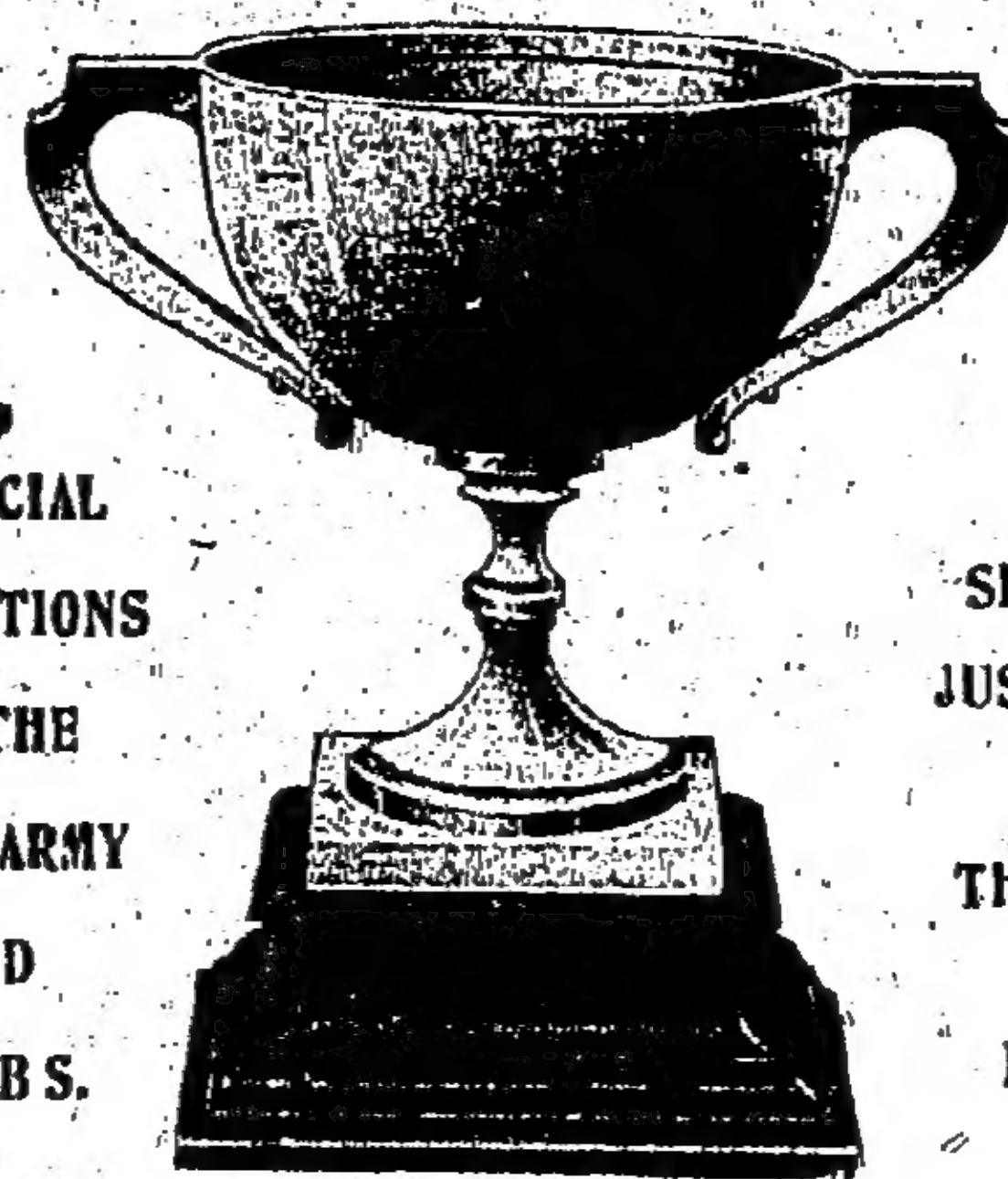
SATISFACTORY PROGRESS.

Berlin, Jan. 18.

Regarded in the light of the German demarche, much interest attaches to the periodical report of the Inter-Allied Military Control Commission, which has just been forwarded to Paris, recording satisfactory progress in carrying out the Allied demands concerning disarmament and also fair progress with regard to effectives. The date the Commission terminates its work depends on Germany's willingness to settle the few points at issue outstanding. —Reuter.

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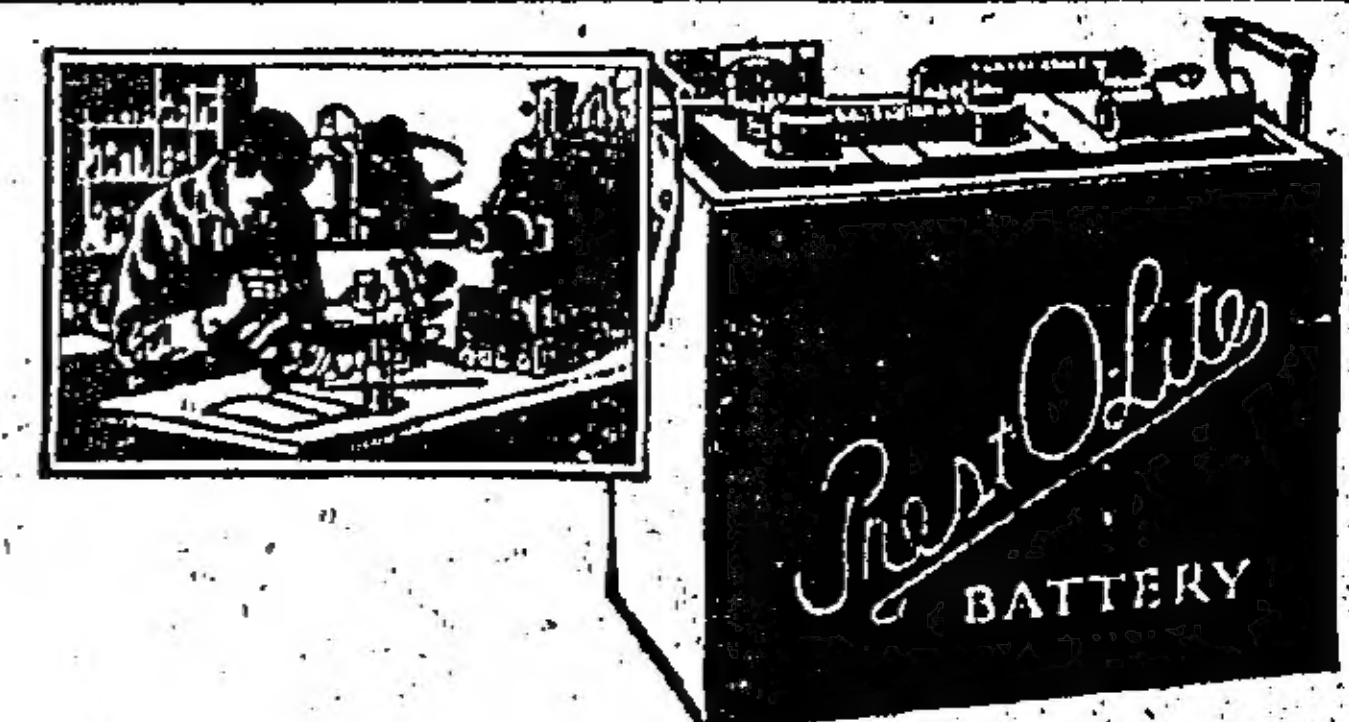
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A number of local racing men were present at the Hongkong Jockey Club Stables at Causeway Bay yesterday evening when four ponies belonging to the late Mr. H. H. Tayler were offered for sale by public auction by Mr. B. H. S. Alves, of Messrs. Hughes & Hough, Ltd.

The ponies were offered separately and in the following order:

Subscription Griffin "Auntie Eva" (Grey Mare)13.1
Old Pony "Uncle Chick" (late Golden Chrysanthemum) Bay 13.1
Old Pony "Uncle Gusengel" (late Auchenroch) Dun13.1
Old Pony "Uncle Albert" (late The Wasp) Chestnut13.1
The grey mare was the greatest attraction and the bidding was started by Mr. H. P. White, who offered \$200. A bid of \$50 was followed by five successive bids of \$10 and the mare was eventually knocked down to Mr. White for \$300. The buyer was also the successful bidder for Uncle Chick, which he purchased for \$50, there being no opposers.

Uncle Gusengel was sold to Mr. H. C. Macnamara for \$25, representing three bids of \$5 each above the upset price. There were no bids for Uncle Albert, which has been injured and the pony was being withdrawn when Mr. L. Reidy offered \$10 for the animal, which he intends destroying. Uncle Chick has a very creditable racing record and since he started as a griffin at Kiangwan in February, 1923, he has participated in no less than 47 events, with the following successes:

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Although he has never won a race, Uncle Gusengel came before the eyes of the racing world in February last. In the American Cup (7 furlongs 55 yards) he was defeated by Grey Knight by one and a half lengths.

COAST OFFICERS' WAGES.

POSSIBILITIES OF A REDUC-
TION SHORTLY.

Opinion in Shanghai.

The North China Daily News learns that discussions have been in progress for some time between the Officers' Guilds and certain of the China Coast shipping companies on the subject of a reduction in wages, made necessary by the strike and boycott and the general shipping slump.

The Guilds have met the owners and the matter has been discussed in all its aspects, it is stated, but there is as yet no official information to be obtained and locally, nothing bearing upon the rumoured reduction nor the Guild's attitude could be gleaned.

Upon the situation as it now stands, the N. C. D. News of January 15 says: "We are informed that at a largely attended meeting of the China Coast Officers' Guild and the Marine Engineers' Guild of China, held on November 20 at Shanghai, a resolution was passed to the effect that 'in view of the ever-increasing cost of living in China contrasted with conditions elsewhere, the combined Guilds emphatically decline to consider any reduction of pay whatsoever; but considering the prolonged boycott and loss to trade it is agreed that a demand for an increase of pay to meet the higher cost of living shall be set aside for the time being.' A resolution on similar lines was passed at Hongkong some two weeks previously."

WAR DEBTS.

Moscow, Jan. 18.

An article in the Pravda states that M. Trotsky offers a concrete suggestion for satisfying French creditors and simultaneously securing credits in Paris. It says Russia is willing to pay high interest on loans, hence if the market value of a loan is seven per cent. the French Government might demand eleven per cent. from Russia and give the remaining four per cent. to holders of Russian paper.—Reuter.

FRENCH FINANCES.

AGREEMENT CONSIDERED TO
BE IN SIGHT.

A Tax on Production.

Paris, Jan. 16.

A sudden change took place in the Finance Committee of the Chamber after speeches by M. Briand and M. Doumer. A decisive step towards agreement seems to have been taken, on the promise of the Government that it will not intend the application of the tax on commercial transactions longer than 1926, but will agree to consider soon at a debate on all other suggestions.

M. Peret and several Deputies of the Radical Left moved today an amendment replacing the tax on payments and the present tax on the turnover of business by a single tax on production.

M. Doumer has accepted the preliminary text, which will be submitted to Parliament during the week.—Indopacif.

Paris, Jan. 17.
The Finance Committee of the Chamber adopted the first twenty articles of the counter-proposals of the Cartellists. Several members of the minority returned to take part in the proceedings.—Indopacif.

**PITTSBURG TRAMCAR
DISASTER.**

MANY CASUALTIES FOLLOW
PLUNGE INTO RIVER.

Pittsburg, Jan. 18.

Three persons were killed, 24 were injured, and three are missing as the result of a tramcar plunging into the river.

The car lies half-submerged, one end resting on the bank.—Reuter's American Service.

**CHINESE FINANCIAL
MUDDLE.**

THE WORST POSITION IN
TEN YEARS.

Urgent Need of Funds.

Peking, Jan. 18.

Chen Chin-tao's departure reveals the most acute financial stringency in the past decade. The Government's present resources are apparently exhausted, and local troubles are feared at the New Year unless funds are procured somehow; but the situation of course does not affect properly secured Chinese bonds.

C. T. Wang was offered, but declined, this morning, the concurrent post of Minister of Finance. Another emergency meeting of the Cabinet was held this afternoon.—Reuter.

Shanghai, January 18.
Owing to his failure in issuing the Treasury Bonds and the approach of the Chinese New Year, Mr. Chen Chin-tao, who realized the difficulties in meeting the obligations of the Government, has secretly left for Tientsin. He submitted his resignation on the morning of the 17th instant. On the same afternoon, Mr. Hsu Shih-ying called a special Cabinet meeting and decided to send a special officer to persuade Chen to remain in office. Mr. Wong Ching-ting has also been instructed to again approach Sir Francis Aiken, the Inspector of Customs, for assistance in issuing the bonds, and if he still refuses, other measures will be devised to raise funds.—Wah Kiu Yat Po.

INTIMIDATION CASE.

APPLICATION FOR FRESH
HEARING.

New Witnesses Available.

There was an echo of the recent strike intimidation case at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon when Mr. Owen applied to Major Willson for the case to be reopened.

It may be recalled that the case was concluded last week, the two men who were charged with threatening to do bodily harm to a Hongkong Hotel pantry boy during the strike, being sentenced to three months' hard labour.

Yesterday, Mr. Owen said he applied for a rehearing of the case on the grounds that witnesses who were not available at the previous hearing could now be brought. He mentioned that when he applied for an adjournment last week he was informed that the case was closed.

Mr. Armstrong, who prosecuted in the case, objected to a rehearing, and pointed out that the defendants were given an opportunity of calling witnesses and of giving evidence which they did not take advantage of. If the case was re-opened it would mean additional trouble and expense for the complainant.

Major Willson said perhaps some allowance could be made for defendants not calling witnesses before. On the other hand, as the prosecution had pointed out, there was the question of the complainant being put to further expense and trouble.

He intimated that he wished to consider the matter and would give his decision this morning.

JAPAN BLAMED.

FOR KUO SUNG-LING'S DEFEAT.

Alleged to Have Actively Supported
Chang Tso-lin.

Tsingtao, Jan. 18.

Speaking at a reception, Pi Shichen, a prominent Fengtien General, declared that the Japanese were responsible for Kuo Sung-ling's defeat. The Japanese, he said, fearing that Chang's downfall would result in the displacement of Japanese influence in favour of the Soviet, actively supported Chang Tso-lin.

He alleged that the Japanese soldiers obstructed Kuo Sung-ling's army at Liao River, keeping them there until Chang could mobilize and bring up his troops, who were then launched upon Kuo Sung-ling's forces, who were cut to pieces, Kuo Sung-ling being seized and executed.—Reuter.

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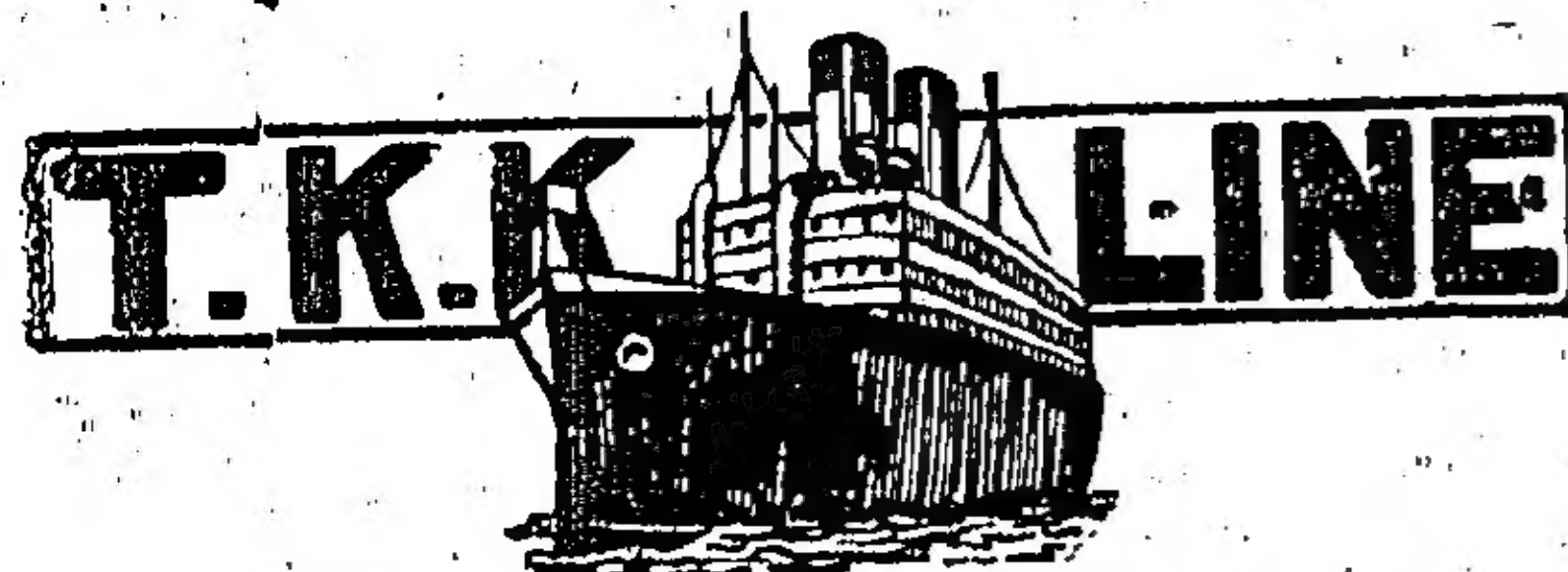
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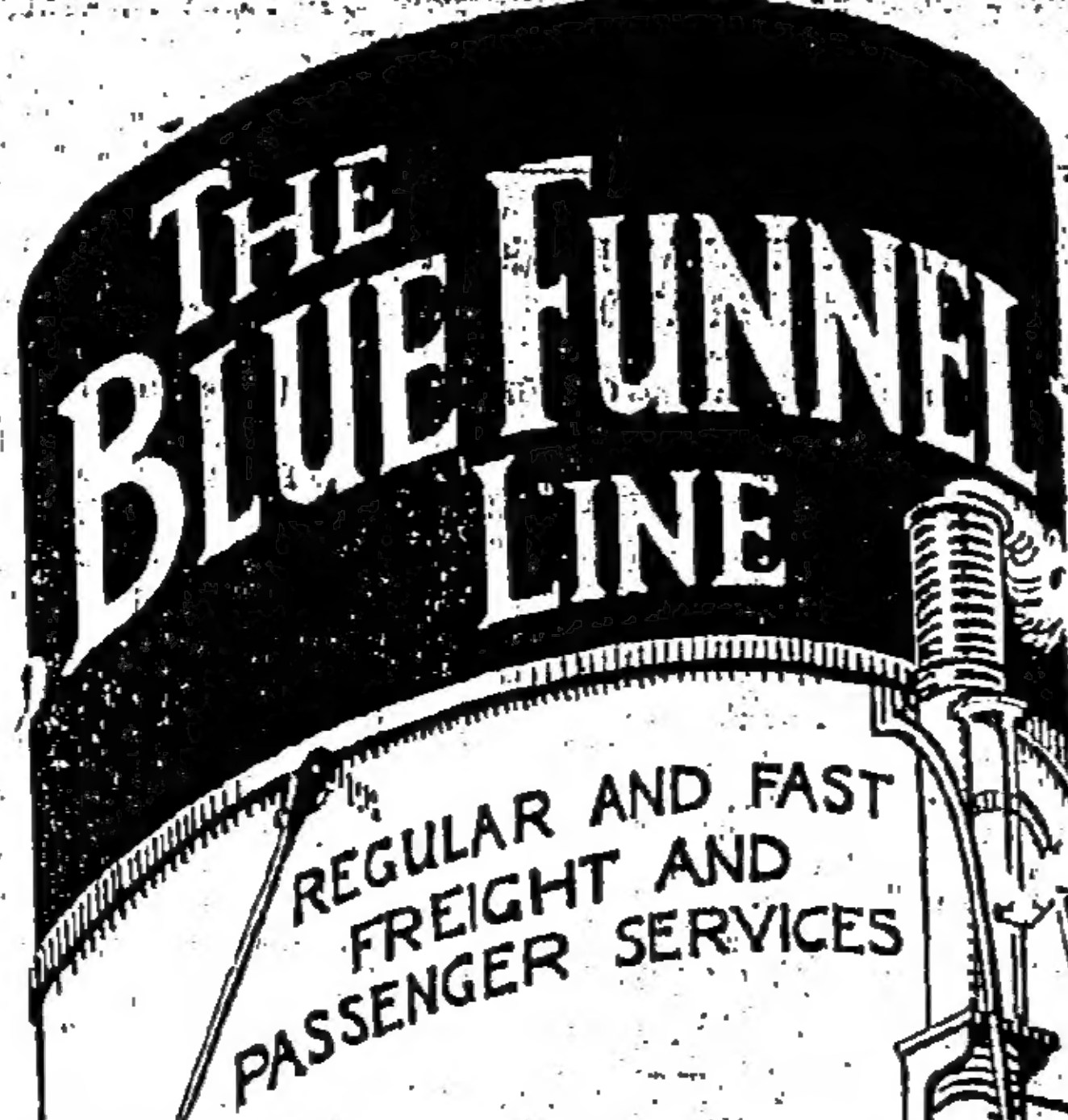
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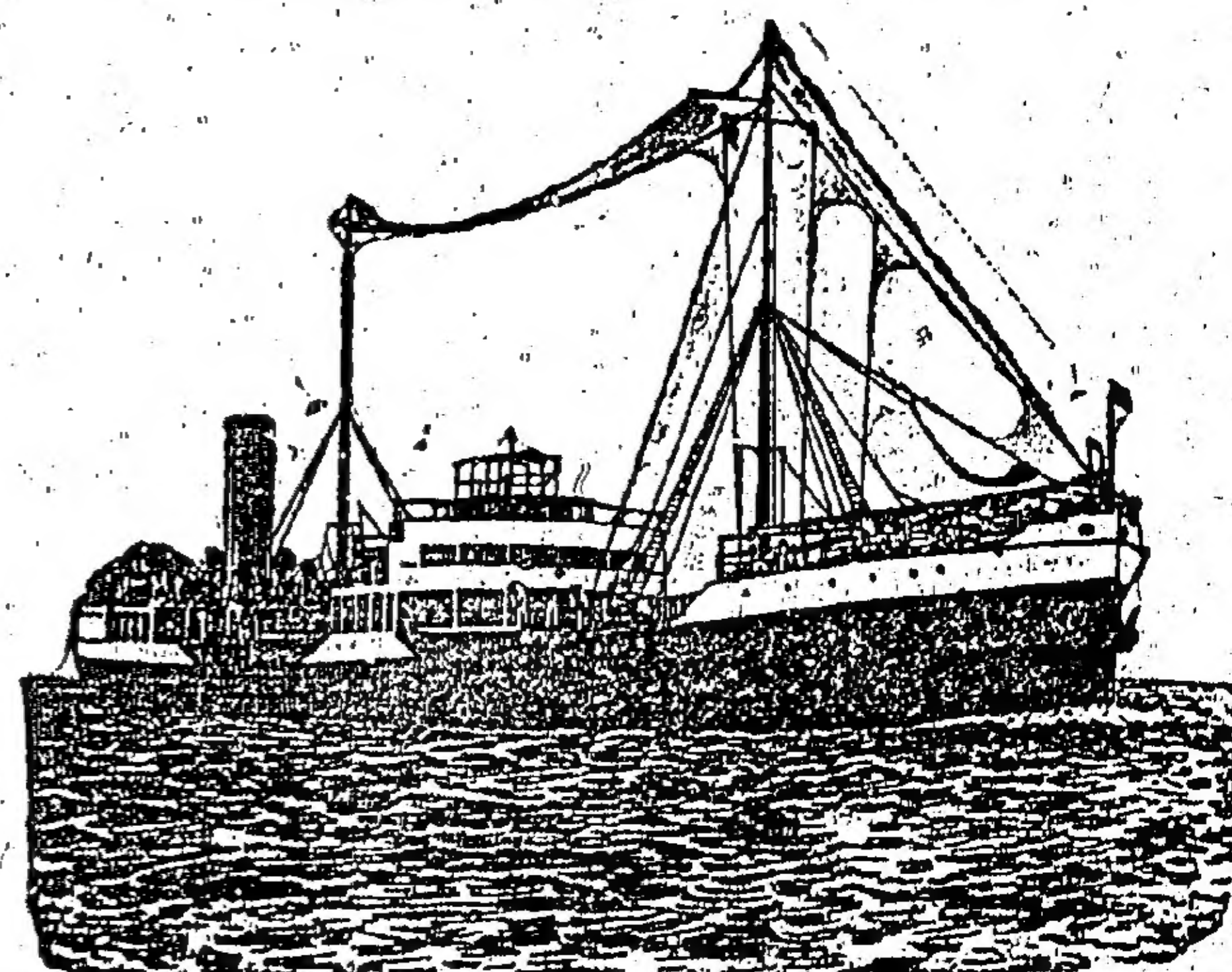
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| S.S. | Tons | From Hong-kong (about) | Destination |
|----------|--------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| LAHORE | 5,252 | 21 Jan. 4 p.m. | S'pore, P'ang, C'bo & B'bay |
| KHYBER | 9,114 | 23 Jan. noon | M'les, Casablanca, London & Antwerp |
| ALFORD | 5,273 | 1st Feb. | Singapore & Bombay |
| DELTA | 8,097 | 4th Feb. | S'pore, P'ang, C'bo & B'bay |
| MALWA | 10,941 | 6th Feb. | Marseilles & London |
| KARMALA | 9,128 | 20th Feb. | M'les, London & Antwerp |
| MANTUA | 10,902 | 6th March | Marseilles & London |
| KASHAIR | 8,885 | 13th March | M'les, London & Antwerp |
| KHIVA | 9,135 | 20th March | M'les, L'don & Antwerp |
| MORÉA | 10,918 | 3rd April | Marseilles & London |
| DEVANHA | 8,155 | 17th April | M'les, L'don & Antwerp |
| KALYAN | 9,144 | 21st April | M'les, L'don & Antwerp |
| MACDONIA | 11,089 | 1st May | Marseilles & London |
| KASHGAR | 9,105 | 15th May | Marseilles & London |

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| | | | |
|--------|--------|----------------|---------------------------|
| TAKADA | 6,949 | 20 Jan. 1 p.m. | S'pore, Penang & Calcutta |
| SANTHA | 8,500 | 4th Feb. | S'pore, Penang & Calcutta |
| TILAWA | 10,006 | 19th Feb. | S'pore, Penang & Calcutta |
| TALAMA | 8,018 | 22nd Feb. | S'pore, Penang & Calcutta |

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

| | | | |
|------------|-------|-----------|-----------------------------|
| ST. ALBANS | 4,500 | 3rd Feb. | Manila, Sandakan, Thurs. |
| TANDA | 6,958 | 3rd March | Island, Townsville, B'bane. |
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| | | | |
|---------|--------|-----------|---------------------|
| KARMALA | 9,128 | 23rd Jan. | S'hai, Moji & Kobe. |
| TILAWA | 10,000 | 26th Jan. | Kobe & Osaka |
| TALAMA | 8,018 | 2nd Feb. | Shanghai & Kobe |
| MANTUA | 10,902 | 6th Feb. | S'hai, Moji & Kobe |
| KASHAIR | 8,885 | 6th Feb. | S'hai & Kobe |

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|-----------|--------------|----------------|-----------------|
| GLENIFFER | 23rd Jan. | CARNARVONSHIRE | 23rd Jan. |
| GLENOGLE | 10th Feb. | GLENSHIEL | 31st Jan. |
| GLENAMOV | 23rd Feb. | PENBROKESHIRE | 17th Feb. |
| GLENGARRY | 4th Mar. | GLENIFFER | 9th Mar. |
| GLENSHANE | 21st Mar. | | |

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BOMBAY via Singapore & Colombo.

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"HAKATA MARU" ... Saturday, 30th Jan.

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COLLAPSE OF FOUR STOREYED HOUSE.

Many Casualties.

Berlin, Jan. 18.
A shattering detonation due to the explosion of gas and petrol, aroused the residents of the Moabit district of Berlin early this morning. A four storeyed house collapsed like a pack of cards, burying the occupants eight feet in the debris. Seven dead and 20 injured have up to the present been extricated. It is feared there are many more casualties.—Reuter.

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INWARD MAILS.

| From | Per | Date |
|--|-----------------|-------------|
| Japan | Aki Maru | January 19. |
| U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and S'hai Shinyo Maru | | January 19. |
| Shanghai | Chenan | January 19. |
| Shanghai | Amzone | January 19. |
| U. S. A., Canada, Japan and Shang- | | January 20. |
| hai | Pres. Madison | January 20. |
| Saigon | D'Artagnan | January 20. |
| U. S. A., Honolulu, Japan and Shang- | | January 21. |
| hai | Pres. Cleveland | January 21. |
| Europe via Suez (Letters & Papers) | | January 21. |
| (London 24th Dec., 1925 and Paris) | | January 21. |
| Straits | Kamala | January 21. |
| Australia and Manila | Suwa Maru | January 21. |
| Japan | Changte | January 21. |
| U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and S'hai Pres. Adams | | January 21. |
| U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and S'hai Siberia Maru | | February 1. |
| Australia and Manila | Tanda | February 1. |

OUTWARD MAILS.

| For | Per | Date |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|
| Swallow | Suiyang | Wed., Jan. 20, 9 a.m. |
| Manila, Australia and New Zealand | Aki Maru | Wed., Jan. 20, 9 a.m. |
| via Thursday Island | | Registration 8.45 a.m. |
| | | Letters 9.30 a.m. |
| | | (Due Thursday Island, 31st January). |
| Straits and Calcutta | Takada | Wed., Jan. 20, 10 a.m. |
| | | Letters 11 a.m. |
| Japan | Rakuyo Maru | Wed., Jan. 20, 10.30 a.m. |
| Formosa | Hopsang | Wed., Jan. 20, noon. |
| Shanghai, Japan and Europe via | | January 21. |
| Siberia (letters and postcards) | | January 21. |
| especially superscribed "via Siberia" | | January 21. |
| only | D'Artagnan | Wed., Jan. 20, 1 p.m. |

SERUM RESEARCH.

BIG GRANT BY ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION.

Oslo, Jan. 18.
The Norwegian Government has specially accepted the Rockefeller

Foundation's offer of a sum not exceeding 1,085,000 Kroner for the completion of work projected at a new Government Institute for serum and vaccine research.—*Router.*

POLICE MUSEUM.

SOME HONGKONG EXHIBITS.

PAST CRIMES RECALLED.

An interesting adjunct in connection with the training school for recruits in the Hongkong Police Force is the museum which has been collected of interesting exhibits acquired by the members in the course of their work. Here the criminologist in search of material to aid him in his particular sphere will find much to interest him in the course of an afternoon spent amongst the varied collection, for, apart from the fact that it reflects a comprehensive record of local crime, there are also many details for study in relation to criminal psychology.

While the great variety of the exhibits in this collection precludes any attempt to deal with them at length, it is yet possible to convey a fairly comprehensive idea of the nature of the museum by singling out a few of the typical exhibits for mention. In this class are included the many devices conceived by the housebreaker and smuggler of contraband. Though it is admitted that the Hongkong prototype of the Western crackman has yet much to learn from the latter in the way of utilisation of tools and implements placed within reach in these modern days of mechanism, yet he is not very far behind in resource and the exercise of what may be termed his native cunning. Refusing to be defeated by the lack of a jemmy, he takes to the effective if more complicated method of the rod and line. Thus we can appreciate the purpose of one particular exhibit in the collection which consists of three lengths of bamboo which telescope into each other, the insides having been hollowed out for this purpose. To the end of the innermost tube is attached a hook, and it is explained that the man who was caught with this ingenious instrument in his possession was at the time fishing from the top branch of a tree for clothing which was left to dry on the verandah of a house. Such a display of ingenuity was not allowed to go without fitting recognition, for it is recorded that this particular thief was awarded two months' hard labour on appearance before the Magistrate.

SMUGGLERS' DODGES.

In the continuous battle of wits between smugglers and revenue and police officers there has been called into being the display of much resourcefulness on the part of the former. Inasmuch as the smuggler is compelled to cast about for new methods of defeating the increased wariness of the searcher, the smuggler so manages it that he is generally one trick ahead of the searcher, but this trick becomes non-effective once it is discovered. We may bestow a little grudging admiration for the fellow who was caught with opium or morphia secreted in receptacles hollowed out in the heels of his wooden clogs and for the ingenious, if unfortunate individual who failed to pass through the ordeal of a search after having gone to the length of contriving a tin wall lamp which had secret compartments in the oil well for the storage of something more valuable than kerosene. Another exhibit shows a quilted waistcoat which has alternative ribs for the packing of cartridges. This rather dirty-looking exhibit, at the time when it came into the possession of the police, contained no fewer than two hundred rounds of revolver ammunition!

One of the most curious articles seen in the museum is a thing which looks like a clasp knife, but which in reality is a revolver. There is the usual knife-blade which closes into the handle, but instead of the other parts which usually go to make up the handy knife, the remaining space is occupied by an arrangement which provides for the charging of a bullet of small calibre, and the working of the hammer which discharges the missile. The appearance of the instrument is completely deceiving; even at very close quarters, and if it had not been for the suspicious circumstances which led to its discovery, the individual in whose possession it was found would have escaped the attention of the police.

TELL-TALE FOOTPRINTS.

Having dealt with this particular section of the collection, this account would not be complete without a special tribute to the skill displayed by members of the Force which has made such a

CORRESPONDENCE.

[To the Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.]

MAY ROAD COMPLAINTS.

Sir,—While you are on the subject of "May Road complaints" may I mention that some method needs to be devised of notifying the driver of the "up" car that it is required to pick up passengers at May Road? It is rather annoying when one is waiting on the steps for the car, to have it run merrily past without stopping at the station. This happened to the writer just after 10 o'clock last Saturday. Those in charge are no doubt supposed to keep a look-out, but the bridge below the station interferes with their view. How would it be to provide a "tom-tom," which intending passengers could beat in order to attract the attention of the "god in the car"?

In the instance referred to the only thing to do in order to pass the time was to take the descending car and have a drink in the town to pass the time. I think the Tramway Company should refund this.—Yours etc.

CAREFUL YIN.
Hongkong, Jan. 19th, 1926.

ENGLISH CUP.

EXIT PORTSMOUTH.

London, Jan. 18.
In the English Cup re-play Derby defeated Portsmouth by two goals to nil, at Leicester.—*Reuter.*

SQUASH RACQUETS.

THE CHAMPIONSHIP RESULT.

London, Jan. 18.
Playing at the Bath Club in the final of the Squash Racquets Championship, Captain Cazale beat Captain Tomkinson 15/8, 13/15, 17/16.—*Reuter.*

number of seizures. To do this, we need only refer to a few of the other exhibits. The most outstanding of these are the photographic records of foot-prints discovered in the course of investigations subsequent to the affair of three years ago, when four convicts broke out of goal after murdering Warden Speed and severely injured another officer, an Indian. In the course of the struggle, it will be recalled, one of the convicts stepped on some papers knocked off Warden Speed's desk, and his foot-prints were recorded in the warden's blood on the papers. On arrest and extradition from Canton, this man's guilt in connection with the murder was conclusively proved by these tell-tale foot-prints and he was later hanged, in accordance with the sentence of the Criminal Court.

In another case, recalled by a second photographic exhibit, it is explained that the ingredients of some powder which are the subject of this photograph, went to make up a quantity of gunpowder scraped from the finger-nails of a suspect arrested at West Point some years ago subsequent to the perpetration of arson in that district. When analysed it was found that these ingredients correspond with the nature of the explosive powder discovered in the house where the fire broke out, and the guilt of the suspect was thus irrefutably established. This man was later fittingly punished on appearance before the Magistrate.

TRAINING RECRUITS.

The foregoing are only a few of the many interesting articles in this unique museum, which, in addition to its value for the criminologist, serves also the useful purpose of introducing knowledge to the 130 odd Chinese and Indian recruits now being trained in the building in which the collection is housed. Formerly known as the Headquarters of the Berlin Mission, this spacious building at Hospital Road has been converted into a school for training raw recruits for a very important organization of this Colony. In addition to other facilities for training the men in their police duties, language classes are also maintained, while physical development as a necessary corollary to police training is not overlooked. The establishment is under the charge of three European officers, Inspector Patterson, Sergeant McLaren and Sergeant A. V. Dixon, to the latter of whom we are indebted for allowing our representative over the premises.

KUOMINTANG SPLIT.

PROMINENT MEMBERS EXPELLED.

In connection with the general meeting of the Kuomintang held at Si-Shan, which was intended to cause a split in the party, the following is the result of the deliberations of the delegates of the second general meeting of the Kuomintang now in session at Canton.—That the names of Tse Che and Chow Loo be struck off the membership of the Kuomintang; that forfeiture of the right of membership for one year be declared against Kui Ching, Shek Ching-yang and others; that a caution against further violation of the constitution and by-laws of the Kuomintang be sent to Chang Chi, Lum Sum, Shiu Yuan-chung and Yip Tso-cheung; and that Tai Kwai be invited to return to Canton.

LIFE SENTENCE.

THE "PO ON" PIRACY CASE.

The sequel to the "Po On" piracy, when a Chinese was charged on four counts before Mr. Justice Wood, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday, was continued, after an adjournment for tiffin, in the afternoon, when witnesses were called. The charges were of forcibly capturing some Chinese to hold for ransom, of assault with intent to rob, of unlawful possession of eight revolvers, and of piracy of the launch "Po On."

After a witness had told how he recognised the accused on board the s.s. "Sai On," and gave information to the police, a woman spoke of how she was robbed of all her jewellery. She said she was ill-treated, and after being kept a prisoner for four months, secured her release with a ransom of \$160. By order of the accused, she saw a prisoner's ear cut off with a razor blade.

A collector of fares for the company owning the launch, who was on board at the time said they made him shave his moustache off, and after cutting his nephew's ear off, enclosed both in an envelope and sent them to relatives, who paid \$500 for their release.

Cheng Sung said he had his ear cut off because he named a small sum for his ransom, and another witness said he was released after \$230 ransom had been paid. After police evidence of arrest and identification had been given, the jury retired, and on returning gave a verdict of guilty on all counts. The accused was sentenced to seven years' hard labour for robbery; seven years' hard labour and twenty strokes with the "cat" for kidnapping; five years' hard labour for unlawful possession of arms, and life imprisonment for piracy, the sentences to run concurrently.

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"Marmion" in the grounds, and Rogers wrote "Pleasures of Memory" by the lake. Other visitors were Pitt, Addington, Canning, Southey, Moore, Fanny Kombe, Mrs. Siddons, Duke of Wellington, Sidney Smith. It was here that George IV., acting as Prince Regent, with the Emperor of Russia and the King of Prussia, met Louis XVIII. just before his return to France after his long exile in 1814.